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CHS English teacher Ms. Eileen Norton dubs Max Nakashima as 2017's Mr. Skipper winner on Thursday, March 9, 2017. This event is the major fundraiser for the Senior Class to offset Prom and other related Senior week events. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]

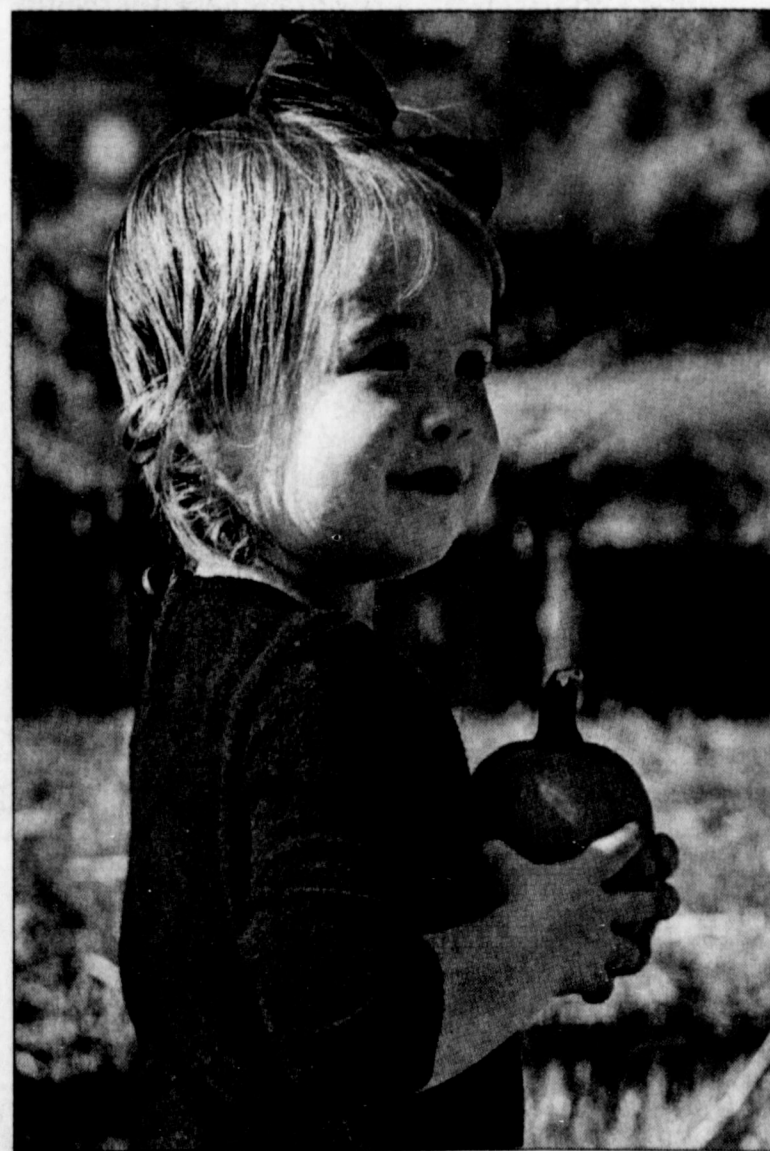


Mary Jo Larson, co-chair of the Alternative Energy Committee, gestures to the solar array during the ceremony for the array at the former site of the town's landfill on Friday, Sept. 8, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]

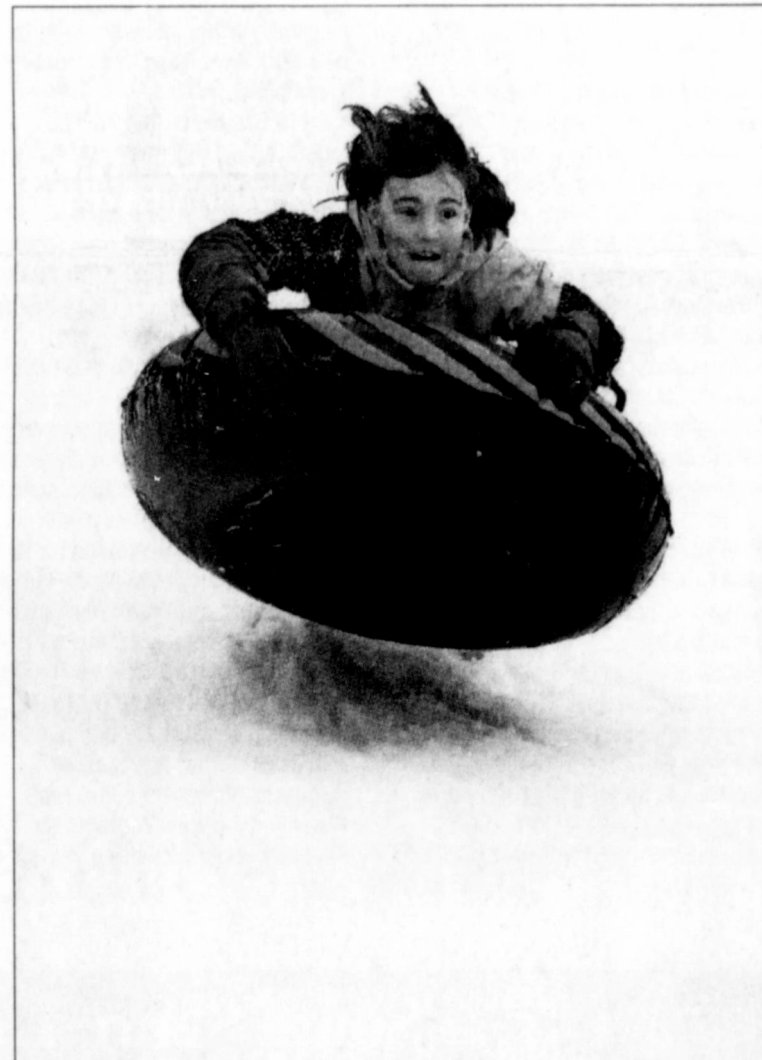
A look back at Cohasset's year



Ralph Dormitzer expresses his point that every attempt should be made to enhance the features of Cunningham Bridge because it is an aesthetic jewel that should last 50-75 years with Rick Colon, the Mass D.O.T. public relations manager, after the public meeting at Willcutt Commons on Monday, June 12, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]



Brooke Bottomly, 2, of Cohasset, loves to play in the ASP Pumpkin Patch at Wheelwright Park on October 7, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]



Nia Frank, 10, of Cohasset, catches some air after hitting a jump while sledding at the Middle School on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]

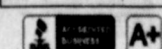


Senior Airman James Nickerson lovingly holds his daughter, Scarlett, 4 months, after the Memorial Day ceremony in Cohasset harbor on Monday, May 29, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]

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YEAR IN REVIEW: Projects to be proud of

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PV solar array

After five years filled with complications, the PV solar array finally opened for business in early September. Located on the old landfill behind the Recycle Transfer Facility, the 1,536-panel array is expected to generate roughly 667,000 Kilowatt-hours of electricity each year.

Palmer Capital President and Cohasset resident Gordon Deane received accolades for his efforts to help push the project forward after the original bidder declared bankruptcy six months after being awarded the project in the spring of 2013. Alternative Energy Committee Chair Mary Jo Larson commended the work done on the project and is looking forward to helping integrate renewable energy lessons into Cohasset classrooms.

Cohasset hopes to save \$1.6 million over the next 20 years with the help of the solar array. The Town has already begun to save money on their energy bills each month, shaving \$8,800 off of their energy bills in the first two months.

Learning Commons

At the beginning of the

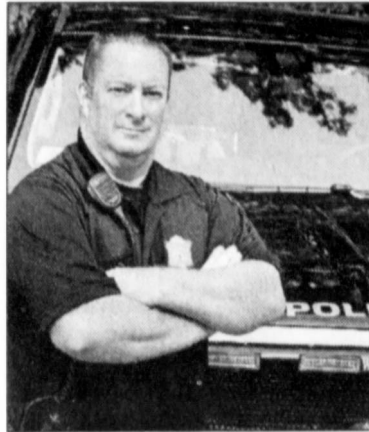
2017-18 school year, Cohasset's Middle-High School premiered their newly redesigned "learning commons," replacing the school's traditional library with an updated workspace.

Using the existing space, the new learning commons features a more modern approach to a learning space including bookshelves on the walls, work stations with connectivity, and more inviting colors. Many school officials, such as librarian Kathy Cerruti, have said the space encourages collaboration among student while aiding the school's new "bring your own device" program.

Roughly \$250,000 was donated to the project courtesy of the Cohasset Educational Foundation. CEF co-chair Cindy Matheson said investing in both libraries and media services correlate directly with student achievement and can help them perform more effectively.

Animal Control Officer program

Just one year after the position debuted, Town Manager Chris Senior said the new tri-town Animal Control Officer program is running smoothly. The position—held by Officer Brian Willard—covers Cohasset, Norwell, and Hull, who



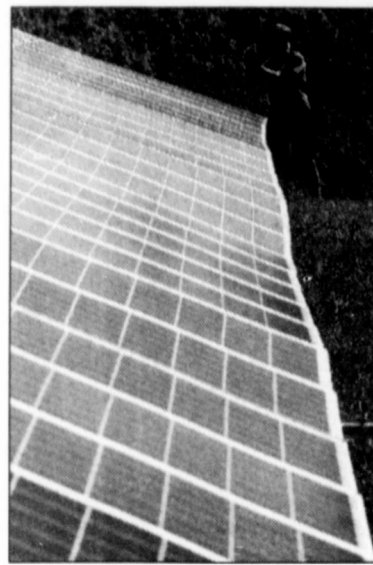
Officer Brian Willard serves as the regional Animal Control Officer (ACO). He handles calls for service in Cohasset, Norwell, and Hull.

[COURTESY PHOTO]

all partially fund the full-time position.

Under the inter-municipal agreement, 12 of Willard's 40 hours of service a week is allotted for Cohasset, although Senior noted that times in each town typically fluctuate from week to week. Cohasset also agreed to provide a car for the officer, although he has recently been using a van provided by Hull at no cost.

Senior said all three towns are pleased with the service they have been getting. This November, Cohasset joined Norwell and Hull in renewing the agreement.



Steven Wenner of Cohasset and a member of the Alternative Energy Committee takes a picture of the solar array on the former site of the town's landfill after the ribbon cutting ceremony for the solar array which has 1536 panels and will generate 667,000 Megawatts/year. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]

HR improvements

Cohasset's Human Resources department has been flourishing in its first three years in existence. In 2017, the department continued to make progress under the direction of Senior, including the recent implementation of regular HR

trainings.

Dubbed "Training Tuesdays," the program was established to help provide a more convenient venue for town employees to attend key HR trainings. Trainings covered four different "tracks;" computer training, wellness, management, and "illuminations," which covers anything and everything from local bylaws to job benefits and any other miscellaneous beneficial information.

Eagle Scout projects

Nine members of Boy Scout Troop 28 were granted Eagle Scout status during 2017, the most the troop has seen in years. Troop 28 Advancement Chair Margie Hillman said the unusual number of Eagle Scouts that have emerged from the troop should not diminish the amount of work that goes in to earning the rank.

Projects completed by this year's Eagle Scouts include a practice field for the high school robotics team, an anchor desk for the Cohasset Community Television station in the Middle-High School, a new work bench for the Recycle Transfer Facility, and a boat rack for the Cohasset Maritime Institute. Projects must be completed by the scout's 18th birthday.

SENIOR SCENE

Financial planning for retirement and beyond

All events take place at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohler St., unless noted. Call for Reservations: 781-383-9112.

Weekly Lunches: Lunches are served at noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Reservations are required no less than 24-hours in advance. Delicious meals provided by local restaurants and Cohasset cooks. Cost: \$3.

• **Tuesday, January 2, Chef Diane and Launch:** chicken marsala
• **Wednesday, January 3, Chef Diane and Launch:** grilled ham and cheese and soup
• **Thursday, December 4, Mary Kay:** Macaroni and Cheese

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR RETIREMENT AND BEYOND, Monday, January 8, 11:30 a.m. Join us for a lunch and discussion by real estate, estate planning and financial professionals. Learn about threats to your retirement assets, the pros and cons of reverse mortgages and the importance of proper estate and long-term care planning. Attorney Katherine

Sheehan of Desrosiers, Tierney and Sheehan from Duxbury, Cohasset resident Matthew Cunningham of Flagship Harbor Advisors in Hingham and Chris Downey of Harbor Mortgage Solutions in Braintree will discuss these and related topics during this comprehensive program designed to inform and guide. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge but registration is required no later than Thursday, January 4.

COHASSET BAND/CHORALE CONCERT, Tuesday, January 9, 11:30 a.m. Happy New Year! Join us as we host the talented musicians from Cohasset Middle/High School for a short performance to welcome 2018. Plan on staying for a delicious lunch at 12:00 p.m. Lunch reservations required by Friday, January 5. All are welcome. \$3

AUTHOR TALKS PRESENTATION, Thursday, January 11, 1:30 p.m. Join us as author Ray Sinibaldi discusses his recent book, John F. Kennedy in New England. Mr Sinibaldi served for three years

as a docent at the JFK Library. In his most recent work, featuring a selection of 200 photos, he has captured the man, the husband, the father, the uncle, the brother and the friend who ultimately became the 35th President of the United States. Don't miss this fascinating speaker. Reservations strongly preferred. \$5.

TED TALK, LIVING BEYOND LIMITS: Tuesday, January 16, 11 a.m. Watch a short video featuring Amy Purdy, who became a professional snowboarder despite losing both her legs due to meningitis. Purdy teaches viewers how to draw inspiration from life's obstacles, to take control of their lives and their limits. Discussion afterward facilitated by Rev. Dr. Sharon Williams, Founder and President of Possibilities Ministries, Inc., an outreach ministry serving the homeless and helping those in need. This discussion is sure to inspire hope and love. For space considerations, please let us know if you will be attending. Refreshments will be served. Free.

REIKI TREATMENTS: Wednesday, January 17, 1 to 2:40 p.m. Take time out of your busy day to relax and replenish. Make a private appointment to experience this ancient Japanese method said to promote stress reduction, relaxation and healing. Reiki is administered by "laying on hands" and is based on the idea that an unseen "life force energy" flows through us and is what causes us to be alive. Reiki treats the whole person including body, mind and spirit. Appointments are required. \$3. Regularly Scheduled Activities

Cohasset Café: Mondays, 9 to 11 a.m. Drop in for coffee, conversation and fresh baked treats provided by The Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs. \$3.

French Conversation: Mondays, 10 a.m. Looking to improve your French? Informal gatherings for those less-than-expert. Drop in.

Zumba Gold: Fridays, 10 to 11 a.m. Ditch the work out! Join the party! Zumba Gold workout incorporates

dance/fitness routines set to Latin and international rhythms but is performed at a lower intensity than regular Zumba. Great for cardio, range of motion and balance. Drop in. \$5.

Gentle Yoga: Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Instructor, Amy DiLillo. Drop in \$5.

Chair Yoga: Wednesdays, 1 p.m. Instructor, Amy DiLillo. Drop in \$5.

Veteran's Services: Hours, Tuesday afternoon, by appointment.

Bridge: Wednesdays, 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your own foursome.

Stretch and Balance Conditioning: Mondays and Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Low impact class focusing on balance and flexibility. \$5.

Seniors got Strength! Tuesdays, 2 to 3 p.m.; Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Follow the instruction of an exercise therapist to improve upper and lower body strength, endurance, and flexibility. \$5.

South Shore Tide Chart

COHASSET HARBOR (WHITE HEAD)

DEC. 2017 - JAN. 2018		HIGH				LOW				SUNRISE	SUNSET
		AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.		
Thursday	28	6:23	9.1	6:51	8.5	12:01	0.4	12:38	0.4	7:11	4:18
Friday	29	7:17	9.6	7:50	8.8	12:57	0.2	1:36	-0.2	7:11	4:19
Saturday	30	8:11	10.1	8:48	9.1	1:52	-0.0	2:32	-0.8	7:11	4:19
Sunday	31	9:06	10.6	9:46	9.3	2:47	-0.4	3:27	-1.4	7:11	4:20
Monday	01	10:00	11.0	10:41	9.6	3:42	-0.6	4:22	-1.8	7:12	4:21
Tuesday	02	10:54	11.2	11:34	9.8	4:35	-0.8	5:15	-2.0	7:12	4:22
Wednesday	03	11:47	11.3			5:28	-1.0	6:07	-2.1	7:12	4:23
Thursday	04	12:28	9.8	12:41	11.1	6:21	-0.9	6:59	-1.9	7:12	4:24

Please be aware that all tide charts are really just predictions and assume average weather conditions. Usually, onshore winds or low barometric pressure will produce higher tides than predicted and vice-versa.

BRIEFLY

RTF holiday hours

The Recycling Transfer Facility will be closed on Monday, January 1st. It will re-open on Wednesday, January 3th. Any questions call 781-383-0273.

Christmas trees

Christmas trees may be

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Wrapping paper

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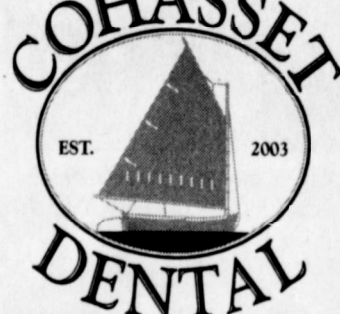
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YEAR IN REVIEW: Top 5 stories of 2017

By Abigail Adams
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Town Hall renovation

2017 brought much discussion around the fate of the current Town Hall building located on the Town Common. This is the third attempt by the town in the last ten years to revitalize the building, with efforts made in 2008 and 2014 to achieve the same goal.

One of the first things the newly-populated Town Hall Renovation Advisory Committee wanted to determine was the best site for a future Town Hall. To resolve this issue, the committee worked in junction with the Mariner to circulate a survey to residents requesting their opinion on where the Town Hall should be. Respondents overwhelmingly responded in favor of keeping the Town Hall at its current site.

The committee considered a number of options when discussing a conceptual design for the project, including single and dual building options. While some felt two buildings could help separate the different functions that are currently intertwined in the new building, the majority of the committee felt that the single-building would be a more feasible option.

The cost of the single-building design was initially estimated to be \$12.8 million, with the dual-building design estimated at \$14.6 million. Both designs proposed tearing down the 1987 addition, which some say is in worse condition than the historic Town Hall building.

THRAC garnered support from a number of local committees and boards prior to presenting a warrant article at Special Town Meeting in December to request funds for the next stage of the project. The committee recommended no more than \$300,000 be allotted to complete just the schematics phase of the project to which voters at Special Town Meeting overwhelmingly approved, though not without some dissent.

The requested monies would go toward a site development plan, which would include various visuals, and the development of a project schedule in addition to a series of on-site assessments and analyses. Additionally, the monies would also cover as series of building systems descriptions, which would detail the building structure, plumbing and HVAC, fire protection, electrical, and Information Technology.



A worker from Cosco Fencing and Guardrail in Woonsocket, RI, cuts the steel posts with a saw while dismantling Cunningham Bridge on Atlantic Ave. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]

Major bridges under repair

Two of the town's major bridges went under construction in 2017; the Bound Brook culvert on Beechwood Street and Cunningham Bridge on Atlantic Avenue. The Bound Brook project created headaches for motorists and town officials alike as numerous bumps and bruises sustained along the way ultimately slowed down the project.

In February, contractors discovered the culverts were built on top of wooden logs instead of bedrock or shale, forcing the designer, CDM Smith, to develop a new plan for a structural base that could support the new culverts and dam. Broken gas and water mains also caused delays during the project, severely inconveniencing nearby residents and commuters alike.

To avoid some of the blunders made during the Bound Brook project, the Town hired former Commissioner for the Department of Conservation and Recreation Jack Murray as a project liaison for the Cunningham Bridge project on Atlantic Avenue. A letter developed by Cohasset resident Ralph Dormitzer over the summer months garnered over 220 signatures from other residents concerned with the potential aesthetics of the Cunningham Bridge and seeking a more appealing design.

After battling the Massachusetts Department of Transportation over a more aesthetically appealing design for the bridge, the town was granted their request for a metal railing that runs the length of the bridge and a second sidewalk located on the ocean side of the bridge. In addition to capping the town's contributions to the revised design at \$100,000, Murray noted the potential for

a three week delay in reopening the bridge to traffic, which is currently slated to open on June 30, 2018, and a potential six-month delay in project completion.

Citizens of the Year: Michele and Michael Hubley

This year, the town recognized two residents who preserved the sanctity of the Cohasset Farmer's Market: Michele and Michael Hubley. The two took over the reins about five years ago to ensure the market had enough outreach, innovation and up-to-date planning to ensure its continued success.

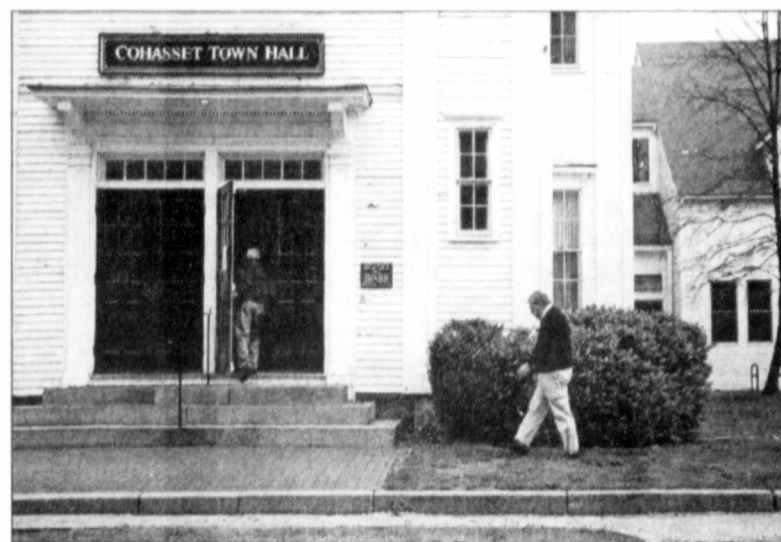
"I think each week's farmers market has the perfect blend of crafts, special events, and food that you can eat onsite while listening to the music," said Selectmen Diane Kennedy. "The farmer's market shows Cohasset off in a great light -- a direct reflection of Michele and Michael's vision."

It is the Hubleys' ongoing dedication to ensuring the weekly market continues to thrive and has a sense of community that lead to their selection as Cohasset Mariner Citizens of the Year. The two are the 24th recipients of the annual award that recognizes, thanks, and honors those who make the quiet, generous contributions that make Cohasset a great place to call home.

Cohasset High School ranked 9th in MA

Cohasset High School was ranked 9th best public high school in the Massachusetts, according to U.S. News and World Report. CHS also ranked 292nd in the nation by the publication based on data from the 2014-15 academic year.

With a 98 percent graduation rate, the roughly 800-student



Pictured here is Cohasset's iconic Town Hall on Election Day as voters head to the polls on Saturday May 13, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]



The Olde Salte House in Cohasset made repairs on the embankment into the harbor and was setting up to open last July after the original seawall collapsed into the harbor. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]

population sports an 83 percent exam pass rate, according to the report. 88 percent of 12th graders that took an Advanced Placement exam in Cohasset during the 2014-15 school year earned a score of 3 or higher out of a possible 5 points.

Much of Cohasset's success can be attributed to the district's open enrollment policy for AP courses, meaning students are not required to complete a prerequisite to take the course of their choosing. Assistant Superintendent Patrick Sullivan said the policy ties perfectly into what the College Board wants for all students.

"You'll see that the numbers [for Cohasset] are very solid and I think we should be very proud of our accomplishments," said Sullivan.

Olde Salt House seawall

On June 28, the seawall supporting the patio at the Olde Salt House at 44 Border Street sank into the sea. Building Inspector Bob Egan said the seawall had been showing signs of failing for some time, and forbid the outdoor dining area from being opened in April until sufficient

repairs had been made.

Business owner Gerd Ordelheide, however, said he was unsure whether the damage to the seawall was indeed his responsibility. Ordelheide said structural damage was noticeable at the time he purchased the property, and believes poor maintenance by the previous owner in addition to dredging recently done in the harbor may have contributed to the seawall's lack of integrity.

The town of Cohasset began assessing fines to Ordelheide in November for failing to comply with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Cohasset Wetland Bylaw to the tune of \$300 a day "for the violation of leaving unauthorized fill (the temporary stone revetment) within a protected resource area. Ordelheide was also asked to submit a Notice of Intent "for work necessary to remove the unauthorized fill materials which remain in the Cohasset Harbor and for work necessary to permanently repair the wharf, stone retaining walls, piers, piles, or any other component of the seawall located at the property.

Ordelheide has sought legal counsel for the ongoing matter.

POLICE BEAT

Spate of crashes on an icy Saturday morning

By Mary Ford
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There were a series of weather-related crashes on Saturday morning (Dec. 23) that were all due to icy road conditions.

* At 7:50 a.m., 34-year-old Randolph woman, driving a 2012 Honda sedan, was traveling in the driveway to the Harborview Nursing Home off Chief Justice Cushing Highway (near the town line) when she slid on ice into a 2001 Toyota sedan, driven by a 40-year-old Brockton woman, who was headed toward the nursing home. No one was injured and neither car was towed. The crash was weather related.

* At 7:56 a.m., there was a two-car accident on Jerusalem Road near West Corner. Police said a 2002 Toyota Tacoma, operated by a 20-year-old Hingham man, was headed south when the Tacoma's tires lost traction and the vehicle slid into a 2016 Toyota 4Runner driven by a 64-year-old Hull man who was traveling in the opposite direction. Neither vehicle was towed; there were no injuries.

* At 7:57 a.m., on King Street by the water department, a 2016 Honda Pilot driven by a 68-year-old Cohasset woman hit an ice patch and slid off the road into a large rock. The car was towed; the driver complained of neck and back pain but declined transport to the hospital, police said.

* A 49-year-old Cohasset DPW worker was uninjured when the 2017 Dodge Sanding truck that he was operating on Cedar Street on Saturday (Dec. 23) at 8:15 a.m. slid into a National Grid pole. Roads flash-froze Saturday morning and numerous vehicles were involved in crashes.



Cohasset roads were too icy Saturday, even for a DPW sander. [COURTESY PHOTO]

No citations were issued and the truck had extensive damage to the front end, police said.

* At 8:40 a.m., a Stop & Shop tractor trailer slid into an unoccupied, parked 2001 Honda Pilot in the parking lot damaging the trunk of the Honda. The truck was being driven by a 24-year-old Fall River man.

* At 8:57 a.m., a 2017 Jeep Grand Cherokee, driven by a 49-year-old Cohasset woman, was attempting to pull to the side of Reservoir Road when hit by a 2003 Pontiac sedan, driven by a 49-year-old Marshfield woman, that came around the corner. The Pontiac was towed. There were no reported injuries.

MVA

There was a rear-end collision on Chief Justice Cushing Highway near Ridge Top Road around 5:13 p.m. on Monday (Dec. 18). Police said a 2004 Toyota Sequoia, operated by a 17-year-old girl, had stopped in traffic at the lights at Pond Street

when hit from behind by a 2007 Volvo SUV, driven by an 84-year-old Venice, Fla. woman.

The Toyota was the last car in a line that was at the lights during rush hour; all were headed south. The Volvo was towed and that driver was cited for following too closely on a state highway, police said. There were no reported injuries.

MVA

On Tuesday (Dec. 19) around 1:37 p.m., a FedEx truck driver who was headed south (away from the water) on Forest Avenue was sideswiped by a white Ford F250 traveling north. Police said the mirror on the FedEx truck was clipped by the Ford which kept going. The FedEx driver was a 23-year-old Brockton man driving a 2002 box truck.

Cameras disabled

A 53-year-old Cohasset man, who lives in a neighborhood off Route 3A, called police from the

airport on Tuesday afternoon (Dec. 19) when he was alerted on his smart phone that security cameras in his house had been disabled. He told police he suspected the culprit might be his 18-year-old daughter. Police investigated and interviewed the daughter who admitted to turning off the cameras in order to host a party. The family handled the matter from there.

Ornaments taken

A 50-year-old Fair Oaks Lane man reported to police around 10:45 p.m. on Tuesday (Dec. 19) that someone in a blue minivan had driven up and taken a 2-foot-tall wooden Grinch and a 3-foot-tall plastic Snoopy from the yard. The total value is \$100 but the sentimental value is much more.

MVA

There was a two-car crash around 9:18 a.m. on Wednesday (Dec. 20) on Forest Avenue at Cedar Acres Lane. Police said a 2003 Chevrolet sedan, driven by a 71-year-old Westwood woman failed to yield while pulling out from Cedar Acres and drove into the path of a 2012 Honda Pilot, operated by a 25-year-old Hull woman who was traveling south (away from the water) on Forest Avenue.

Both cars were towed and the driver of the Honda was taken to the hospital with minor injuries, police said. The driver of the Chevrolet was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

Bike stolen

A 43-year-old Cohasset woman reported to police last week that her \$1700 Crux Cyclocross bicycle was stolen from her yard back in October. Police said the theft appeared consistent with the rash of bike

thefts in the fall.

Hit and run

A 44-year-old Cohasset man reported to police that his 2009 Honda Accord was backed into while parked in the town lot off Pleasant Street on Thursday (Dec. 21) around 1:44 p.m. There was damage to the rear, passenger-side bumper.

MVA

There was a rear-end collision near John's Car Care on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (Route 3A) around 1:30 p.m. on Friday (Dec. 22).

Police said a 2009 Mercedes, operated by a 53-year-old Hull man, was headed north and had stopped at the lights when hit from behind by a 2004 Toyota SUV, driven by a 23-year-old Quincy woman. A passenger in the Mercedes who was complaining of neck and back pain was transported to the hospital. Both cars were towed and the Toyota driver was cited for following too closely on a state highway.

Hit & Run

At 1:57 p.m. on Sunday (Dec. 24), a black 2000 Mercedes sedan that apparently had been attempting a three-point turn backed into the fence at a home at S. Main Street. The homeowner called police and an officer found the Mercedes with fresh damage in the village. The 42-year-old Cohasset man in the Mercedes admitted to the accident.

He was issued a summons to appear in Quincy District Court on the charges of leaving the scene of an accident after causing property damage and not having a driver's license in his possession, police said.

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OPINION

OUR VIEW

The Old Man and the Kid

<Bang> "Let me in!" <Bang> "Let me in!"

The Old Man tried to ignore the noise outside his house. He had work to finish, and it wasn't time for The Kid, anyway.

"His problems are going to start soon enough,"

The Old Man muttered to himself.

But still, the noise persisted, and The Old Man noticed it sounded ... different.

So he went over to the window, and a young girl was standing outside his door.

"Finally!" she said. "Can you let me in?"

"You know you're not supposed to come in until the stroke of midnight Jan. 1 ..." The Old Man said.

"No, I'm not The Kid," she said. "I'm just here to talk to you. Now please let me in! It's freezing out here!"

The Old Man wasn't sure if he should, but he opened the door.

"Can you answer something for me?" she said.

"I'll try."

"Why is The Kid always a boy?"

"I ... don't know? It's always been that way ...?"

"Exactly!"

"But I don't decide those things."

"But somebody does."

"Honest ... I have no idea."

"And that's the problem. The Kid is always a boy because The Kid is always a boy. So the entire world operates for an entire year based on whatever that boy does. If he's good, it's a good year. If he's bad, it's a bad one. And there have been a lot of bad years for girls."

"I'm doing the best I can. Look at all the people getting in trouble for treating girls badly."

"Fair point, but girls have been treated badly for years. Even now, if I try to say something, there are people who won't listen, or say I should get in the kitchen. And when people actually do listen to me, they ask, 'Why didn't you say something sooner?'"

"Ummmm ..."

"There you go. You have no idea. I'm sure you're trying, but you don't know. How could you? You're a boy."

"I wish I could be a boy again. Now I'm an Old Man whose time is almost up. Is there anything I can do before I leave?"

"Give me next year's book ... and a pen."

Once again, The Old Man wasn't sure if what he was about to do was a great idea, but he opened the book to the first blank page.

The Girl started writing.

"Dear Kid,

You don't know who I am, but I need your help.

There's a good chance that during my life, someone is going to treat me badly, just because I'm a girl.

It could be obnoxious, like explaining things to me I already know about, or calling me "young lady" in an office full of my peers.

It could be unfair, like making less money and never getting to be the boss.

It could be worse, but I'd rather not talk about that, if you don't mind.

If you do something about it after it happens, that's nice, but what's done is done. What I'm asking is that you try to keep it from happening in the first place.

You may not always succeed, but please try."

Thanks,

A girl!"

The time had come for The Old Man to leave, as he heard The Kid coming up the walk.

"We have to go now," he said, reaching for the girl's hand. "Come with me."

"Nope, sorry. I'm going out the front door. I have the rest of my life to live, and anyway, The Kid needs to know I'm paying attention."

ANOTHER VIEW



GROWING ON THE FARM

Here comes the mail



Jon Belber

On these late afternoons when the light fades earlier and earlier, the inability to complete outdoor work obviously draws one inside sooner and sooner. Once inside, there are Winter squash to roast, with seeds to stir fry in the pan, as you might have done two months ago with pumpkin seeds, also in the squash family.

Some of those seeds could easily have been saved for next year's great pumpkin growing adventure. There are plenty of root crops such as beets, turnips and carrots that store well in a bag in the produce drawer of a refrigerator. The carrots are sweeter, if they were harvested after the frost. The turnips are great for cooking, mashing and adding tahini so as to try a turnip hummus.

This delicious dip with plenty of garlic could wow anyone at the next holiday office party, with an effort to complement sprinkled cookies and stollen. The beets, with their wonderful

rich red juice oozing everywhere could be lovely when roasted with oil, cumin seed and of course garlic again.

But I digress as this is not meant to be a new twist on holiday traditions, but food does permeate so much of our efforts to farm and teach. While inside a well-lit home, with darkness pervading in the outdoors, except for the many lights that adorn bushes and bare branches, I can cook and look out the window with great anticipation. The blinking lights of the postal carrier's truck are making their way to my house, as the truck makes its way to the farm as well.

Needless to say, the post office is busy these days. Many packages are traveling from points a to points z, seamlessly flowing like a large river. The letters too are being sent. Some letters just show pictures of sun strewn children in far away locations. Others tell a story of an up and down year with joys and highlights. If I sent a holiday card to summarize the year, I would be hard pressed not to mention the disgust I have with the one in a round office.

Many letters are also being sent from organizations seeking to stay afloat, hoping that the season of giving which

began back in November will propel people to give to a shelter, a school or a teaching farm. The letters I am looking for are hopefully handwritten and could be sent from anyone near or far.

I try and write letters often, even though a text could say what I want to share or an instant picture could capture the feeling I wish to convey. The posts that I could be posting are sent in an envelope with a thoughtful stamp and some careful handwriting, with a message for the person to whom I am sending. The letters I hope to receive will also be drowned amidst catalogs from stores and seed growers and savers.

The indoor light will allow me to peruse the latter and consider placing an order for sowing in the greenhouse and in fields. But in the meanwhile, as I consider what to grow, whom to teach and how best to keep farming, I can be inside, longing for the light and reveling in the recently arrived delivery of letters, thoughts, stories and wishes, all while dipping some crackers into a homemade dish of turnip hummus.

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80th Citizens' Legislative Seminar applications

Senator Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth) has announced that the Senate Office of Education & Civic Engagement is seeking nominees to participate in the 80th Citizens' Legislative Seminar (CLS) to be held on March 27th and March 28th at the State House in Boston. CLS is a semi-annual educational seminar geared towards adults of all ages interested in learning more about state government and the legislative process.

"The Citizens' Legislative Seminar is a fantastic opportunity for civically-minded citizens of the Commonwealth to get hands-on experience with their state government," said Senator O'Connor. "The programs held throughout the two days provide a

thorough overview of the legislative process. I encourage any interested residents of the South Shore to apply."

Established in 1976 through a collaborative effort of the Massachusetts Senate and the University of Massachusetts Boston, the two-day seminar features engaging presentations by Senators and staff on aspects of the day-to-day experience of legislators in the Commonwealth. Topics will include the history and process of the Legislature, the State Budget, the parliamentary role of the Clerk of the Senate and the future of the Legislature. The Seminar will walk participants through the legislative process including how bills are introduced, debated, and passed.

The CLS culminates with a simulated legislative hearing and Senate session where participants are invited to use what they have learned and participate as "Senators" in the Senate Chamber in order to have a first-hand experience of the legislative process.

Interested residents in the Plymouth & Norfolk district are invited to contact Senator O'Connor's office at (617) 722-1646 by Friday, January 12th, in order to be nominated by Senator O'Connor. Seats are limited and nominations are taken on a first come, first serve basis.

Senator O'Connor represents the Plymouth and Norfolk district, which includes the towns of Cohasset, Duxbury, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell, Scituate, and Weymouth.

LIBRARY CORNER

Computer basics workshop is Jan. 4

Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit our website at www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Holiday Closing: The library will be closed Monday, January 1st. Library materials may be returned by using our 24 hour book drop. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Computer Basics Workshop: If

you want to learn how to use a computer, come to this free workshop on Thursday, January 4, at 10 a.m. led by Reference and Young Adult Librarian Mrs. Lengyel. Signup with her by calling the library.

Friday Films at the Library: Enjoy a free, daytime movie at the library on Friday, January 5, at 2 p.m. Snacks will be available. Call the library for

more movie information.

Sunday Author Talks: Mark Schneider will give a talk on his new book "Gerry Studds: America's First Openly Gay Congressman" on Sunday January 7, at 4 p.m. A book signing will follow the talk. Seating is limited. Sunday Author Talks series is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors and Goodale Insurance.

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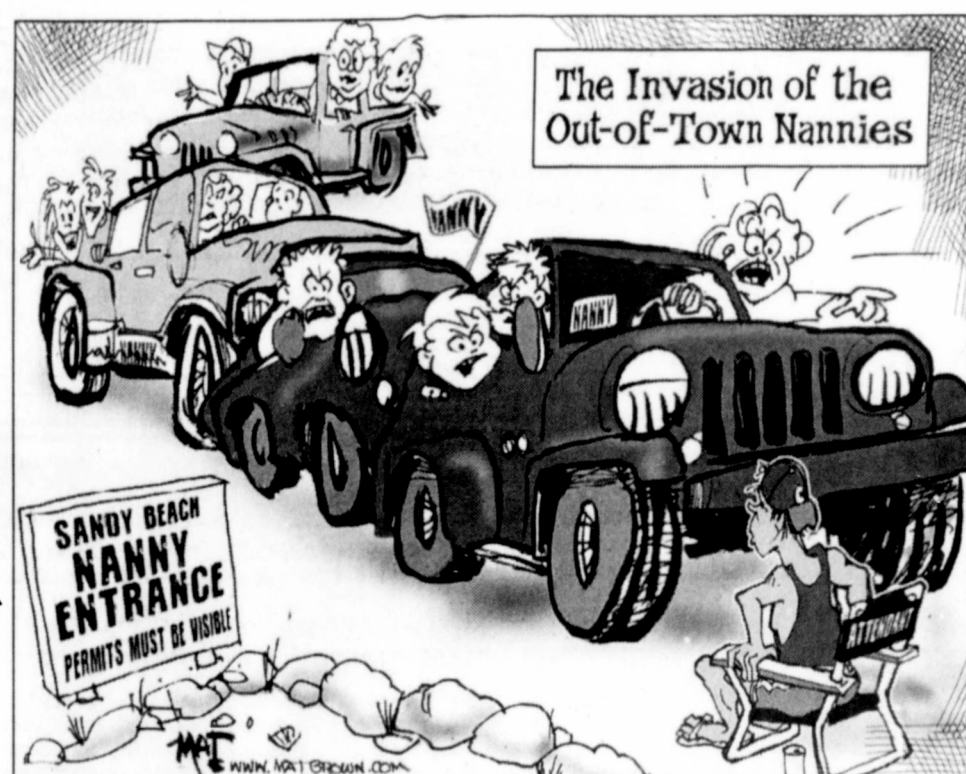
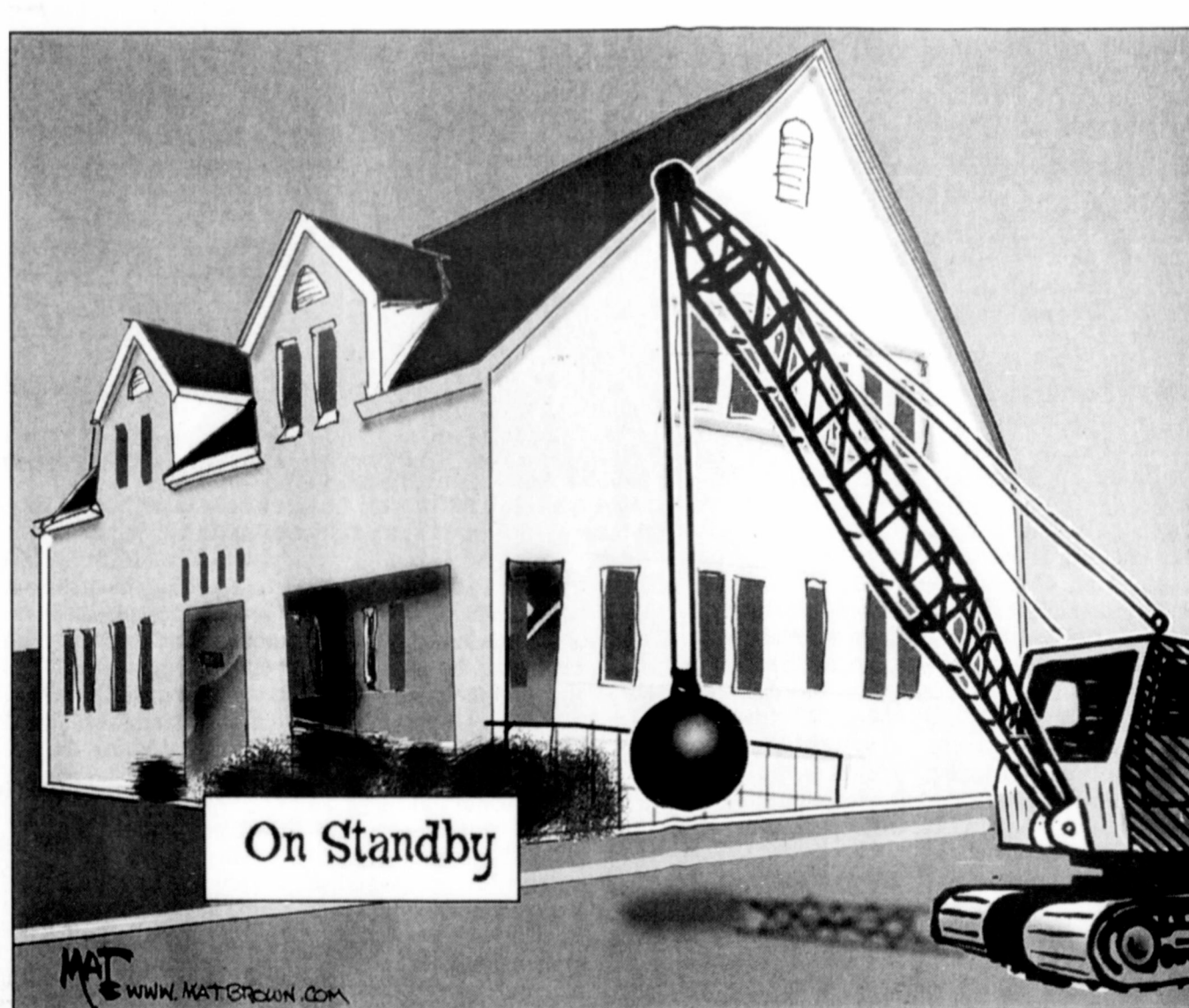
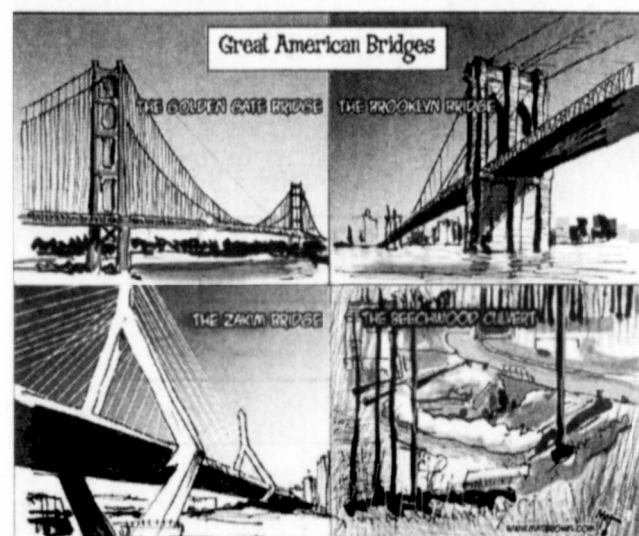
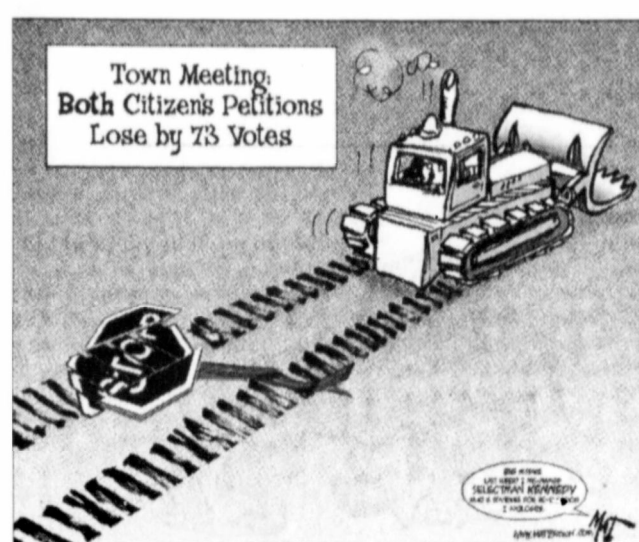
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Some of our favorite Mat Brown 2017 cartoons



DOWN BY THE SEASIDE

It might get loud



Michelle Martin Deininger

I went to Dunkin' Donuts last week (just to buy gift cards; it may be sacrilege around here, but Peet's Coffee owns my heart and caffeine budget). A very tall man who looked to be well into his 70s was standing so close to me that I couldn't properly swipe my card in the machine to pay. I asked if he could give me some room to finish my business and he said in a jovial 70-something way, "Oh, I thought you wanted me to squeeze you!" He seemed to intend humor rather than threat, but nonetheless I replied, "No! It's 2018! Haven't you been following the news? Squeezing is over!" The cashier, a woman, laughed. The man didn't say anything else. There was nothing disturbing about the exchange, but it was extremely

Goodbye, year. Don't let the door hit you on the way out, and no need stay in touch.

cool to look him in the eye and say that loud enough for all to hear. This whole getting-things-out-in-the-open has been flat-out awesome.

Much of this year was grim beyond belief (learning the meaning of the term 'bump stock' and teetering on the brink of nuclear war, to name just a couple of items which may actually have come from a single week). Thankfully we are about to close the door on 2017. Goodbye, year. Don't let the door hit you on the way out, and no need stay in touch.

But as we just re-learned by watching Star Wars The Last Jedi, where there is darkness there is light. And what a bright spot it was this year to cast light on unacceptable behavior that has traumatized and victimized women for forever, and to loudly say, "Stop. Now." The changes afoot are making the world a better place for us all.

The silence breakers were the best part of 2017, no

question. And I'd like to honor their bravery in the new year (and beyond) by doing my part to speak up rather than remain silent in matters local, global, small and large.

As a parent, my first order of business is to raise strong, confident girls who will advocate for themselves and insist on being treated with respect by everyone in their lives. To that end, we'll continue to show them what a healthy relationship looks like, and make sure they know that's what they deserve someday. We'll also help them navigate a society that forces sexualization and precociousness on them earlier than is healthy for their emotional and intellectual development, and we'll foster alternatives to a mainstream media diet that's way too heavy on sex and violence.

Beyond that, I'll try to be the change I want to see in the new year. I want my girls to catch me in the act of being loud when a situation warrants it. (I can hear you out there.... Oh dear god, she's going to get louder?) Yes. Because I hope we can agree, silence does not really

get us anywhere we want to be, does it? For a refresher on that, rent the movie Spotlight.

Here are areas where we can make some noise for everyone's benefit in 2018:

- * Have an opinion and speak up. Let people, especially your children, know your thoughts on issues currently dividing and challenging society. If your feelings are mixed and complicated, explain that part.

- * Complain: To manufacturers, advertisers, businesses and anyone else about whatever isn't sitting right, whether it's sexist marketing, disturbing employee behavior, offensive products. Let them know what's not working for you.

- * Find services, products and establishments you do feel good about, then patronize and publicize them.

- * Show up at town meeting and school meetings. Ask questions. If you don't understand aspects of local governance, follow up with your representatives or wonky friends. Dry though it may occasionally be, it affects us directly.

- * Volunteer for committee work.

- * Speak up to other parents, teachers and school officials if you get wind of something going on with the kids that needs adult attention. Sweeping issues under the rug, whether they be bullying, dangerous behavior, ethical concerns, you name it, is not going to help the kids.

- * Craft your own arsenal of responses for situations in which silence is complicity: "I don't agree with that." "I don't think that's funny." "I find that offensive." The goal isn't to win arguments, it's simply to stand up and be counted, and possibly to deter offensiveness.

- * Call your congresspeople, yes, but don't just state your position - ask their office representatives what else you can do and the things you consider most important.

- * Write letters to editors or opinion pieces for the Mariner. Come on in, the water's fine!

- * Happy new year, and please let me know what you're doing to make noise this year. I'll talk about - and write about - whatever you think needs attention in the 02025 and beyond.

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YEAR IN REVIEW: Innovation in Cohasset

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Body Blueprint and Movement Co.

The Body Blueprint and Movement Lab on King Street provides customers with a viable alternative to the typical methods of western medicine is all in a day's work. Programming at the unique facility aims to improve one's pliability, mobility, and stability while employing a number of unique methods such as corrective exercise and neuromuscular therapy.

The lab also comes equipped with state-of-the-art technology, such as a Woodway treadmill and New England's first and only isometric strength machine, used by elite athletes to train and build strength. Classes are also offered, running from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. and covering a variety of subjects such as strategic movement, stretching, and balance.

Seabird Coffee and Co.

Located on the corner of South Main and Elm streets, Seabird Coffee and Co. has drawn quite a following since opening at the end of the summer. Owner Brian McLaughlin said he is proud to provide Cohasset with the first specialty coffee shop in the coastal community.

One of the unique features Seabird brings to the table is its monthly roaster, highlighting a different reputable roaster each month. McLaughlin felt that suburbs are often forced retail chains such as Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts and wanted to give the community a high-quality product and a welcoming atmosphere.

The 'prison pear'

Through years of practice, Selectmen Chair Paul Schubert has grown fond of growing pears in a bottle. The local cardiologist has grown quite fond of the age-old French technique and finds it incredibly therapeutic.



Dr. Paul Schubert admires a Poire Prisonniere that he made this past season. He has been making the pear brandy for the past 15 years and it is a meticulous process that requires him to turn the bottle one half rotation each day to prevent the fruit from rotting inside the bottle. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN]

After careful cross-pollination, Schubert inserts the bud from one of his pear trees into a bottle of his choosing where it grows throughout the season. Once the bottle is carefully removed from the tree, the fruit is soaked in alcohol -- typically Eau-de-Vie before being presented as a gift.

Mom-trepeneur

Cohasset mom Andrea Romito said her taste for classic-style clothing came from her own mother's love for the style. That's why when the 35-year-old was unable to return to her job in the insurance industry after having her third child, she developed her own clothing brand known as "Nantucket Kids."

Many of the styles produces by Nantucket Kids embody the traditional feel many garments

from the 1940's and 1950's tended to incorporate, such as the bonnets and swing tops for girls and the ever-popular "Jon-Jon" for boys.

Nantucket Kids is currently sold in four locations across the eastern seaboard including Carolann's in Hingham, Pocket Full of Posies in Osterville, The Groovy Gater in Newport, R.I., and Moores Mill Monograms in Auburn Ala.

T-shirt designer

Dakota Achin, 21, began making t-shirts after his freshman year of college in 2015. Starting with hand-me-down shirts, the senior at the University of Vermont said he has expanded his brand "Unlocked Lifestyle" farther than he could have originally imagined.

Achin has sold his clothing to all walks of life from coast to

coast, peddling them as far as the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone Park. Now in his third year of business, Achin has completed and order of customized shirts for a band based in Burlington, Vt. in addition to selling it both online and at the Cohasset Farmer's Market on the Town Common.

The brand's signature keyhole design, Achin said, embodies his personal philosophy regarding the pursuit of life-long happiness. Achin said it represents the idea that "anyone can unlock happiness and peace of mind that has been inside you all along."

BYOD

After being selectively piloted during the 2016-17 school year, Cohasset implemented the "bring your own device" program in September

as a part of their new Digital Learning initiative. As of December, 85 percent of student participating in the program have devices of their own, and nearly 100 percent of students using one on a regular basis.

Students on the panel praised the program for making it simpler to collaborate with classmate both in school and at home while allowing teacher to provide more quality feedback on assignments. Instruction in the classroom has also been revolutionized as a result of the program, with professional development sessions devoted to providing teachers with the best skills and strategies possible in this new digital age.

Although it is still in its beginning stages, the program has impressed many school

officials, who hope developing the program further can have a positive impact in the future. Superintendent Louise Demas said the program as already ingrained itself in the schools' culture.

Green energy savings

Since opening in early September, the PV solar array located on the old landfill behind the Recycle Transfer Facility has already generated savings for the town. According to Palmer Capital President and Cohasset resident Gordon Deane, who's company helped lead the project, the array generated roughly \$8,800 in savings in the first two months alone.

Town Manager Chris Senior said the town hopes to save \$1.6 million on energy costs over the next 20 years.



Beacon Hill Roll Call

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE: The Republicans in the Senate gained a seat when newly-elected GOP Sen. Dean Tran (D-Leominster) was sworn in last week. The Democrats now have a 33-7 edge. The Republicans' control of seven seats is the highest in 18 years. Tran won the seat that opened up when former Democratic Sen. Jennifer Flanagan resigned to take a position on the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission.

The 32-year-old Tran was born in Vietnam in 1975. According to his campaign website, he and his family fled the war-torn country and moved to the United States in 1980. He was first elected to the Fitchburg City Council in 2006 and last week he became the first Vietnamese-American state senator in the state.

There were no roll calls in the House and Senate last week.

This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reports on how often local senators voted with their party leadership in 2017.

The votes of the 2017 membership of 33 Democrats were compared to Acting Senate President Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester). The votes of the 2017 membership of five Republicans were compared with those of GOP Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester). Beacon Hill Roll Call uses 310 votes from the 2017 Senate session as the basis for this report. This includes all roll calls that were not on local issues. Any roll call for which a senator was absent did not count in determining a senator's votes with their party leadership.

Only two of the 33 Democratic members voted with Chandler 100 percent of the time: Sens. Cindy Friedman (D-Arlington) and Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough). Both won special elections to replace a senator who left the Senate. Friedman was sworn in on July 26, 2017 and her percentage is based on 249 roll calls. Feeney was sworn in on November 2, 2017 and his percentage is based on only 80 roll calls.

The Democratic senator who voted the lowest percentage of times with Chandler was Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz (D-Boston) who voted with her only 73.2 percent of the time.

None of the five GOP members voted with Tarr 100 percent of the time.

The GOP senator who voted with Tarr the lowest percentage of times is Sen. Ryan Fattman (R-Webster) who voted with him only 78.3 percent of the time.

PERCENTAGE OF TIMES LOCAL SENATORS VOTED WITH THEIR PARTY'S LEADERSHIP IN 2017

The percentage next to the senator's name represents the percentage of times the senator supported his or her party's leadership.

The number in parentheses represents the number of times the senator opposed his or her party's leadership.

Some senators voted on all 310 roll call votes. Others missed one or more of the 310 votes. The percentage for each senator is calculated based on the number of roll calls on which he or she voted and does not count the roll calls for which he or she was absent.

Sen. Vinny deMacedo	83.8 percent (50)
Sen. John Keenan	97.7 percent (7)
Sen. Mark Montigny	97.4 percent (8)
Sen. Patrick O'Connor	83.5 percent (51)
Sen. Marc Pacheco	96.3 percent (11)
Sen. Michael Rodrigues	97.0 percent (9)
Sen. Walter Timilty	98.5 percent (20)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

BILLS STUCK IN COMMITTEE - Several bills that were given initial approval by the House in 2017, without a roll call vote, are currently stuck in the Bills in Third Reading Committee. All legislation given an initial nod by the full House automatically goes to the Bills in Third Reading Committee which is charged with reviewing the measures for accuracy, grammatical errors, duplication, consistency and constitutionality. Any bill that goes to the Third Reading Committee is supposed to be reported from the committee within 45 days of it being sent there and then go onto the House calendar for possible action.

The committee holds many bills for more than 45 days but unless a legislator brings that fact up on the floor at a session of the House, the committee continues to hold the bill, without any consequences. And rarely, if ever, does a member go that route against the wishes of the leadership and the committee chair.

There are ways a bill can be discharged before the 45-day period. After ten days, any representative can make a motion that will discharge the bill from the committee by a majority vote, and get it on the House calendar for consideration by the full House. An alternative method to force the release of a bill and get it on the House calendar is by filing a petition signed by 81 House members asking for discharge in which case the committee must release the bill within seven days of the filing of the petition. Again, members rarely, if ever, go down that road.

A well-placed Statehouse source who requested anonymity told Beacon Hill Roll Call, "It's no secret that Speaker DeLeo controls the flow of legislation and a bill makes progress in the House only when he wants it to. Every member knows that the biggest sin is to publicly make a motion, vote or sign a petition to discharge a bill from a committee. The leadership frowns upon that and would not be happy with a member who did it."

Some argue the committee is often a burial ground for bills that will never again see the light of day. They noted that sometimes even one-page bills have been tied up in the committee for months. They say it is outrageous to think that the committee needs months to check a one-page bill for accuracy, grammatical errors, duplication, consistency and constitutionality.

Others say the committee has many bills to review and that it takes time to do the job properly.

"Third Reading has always had a reputation as a tough committee to get a bill out but, I know that last session roughly three-quarters of all the legislation referred to the committee were released to the floor for consideration by the full membership of the House," said Peabody's Rep. Ted Speliotis, chairman of the Third Reading Committee. "At this point in our two-year session I do not believe we have an inordinate number of bills in committee. I am more than happy to discuss the merits of any bill in committee with anyone interested."

Here are some of the bills that are currently being held by the Third Reading Committee:

BAN CELL PHONES UNLESS HANDS-FREE (H 3660) - Approved on June 7, 2017 - Prohibits drivers from using a hand-held cell phone or other device to make a call, use the device's camera or access social media. The measure allows drivers to use only a hands-free phone. Use of a hand-held phone would be permitted in emergencies including if the vehicle was disabled; medical attention or assistance was required; police, fire or other emergency services were necessary for someone's personal safety; or a disabled vehicle or an accident was present on a roadway.

Violators would be fined \$100 for a first offense, \$250 for a second offense and \$500 for a third or subsequent offense. A third offense would result in the violation being considered a moving violation for purposes of the safe driver insurance plan.

Supporters say that the bill would save lives and prevent accidents. They noted that the measure does not ban cell phone use but simply requires the use of hands-free ones. They pointed to accidents, deaths and injuries involving hand-held cell phones.

Some opponents say that the restriction is another example of government intrusion into people's cars and lives. Others note that there are already laws on the books prohibiting driving while distracted.

ALLOW BUSINESSES TO OPT INTO "DO NOT CALL" LIST (H 137) - Approved on June 21, 2017 - Restricts telemarketing companies doing business in the state by allowing businesses to sign up for a "do not call" list and fine companies up to \$5,000 if they call a business on the list. Current law only allows individual consumers to sign up for the list.

Under the bill, all current laws that now apply to individuals would also apply to businesses including allowing a business on the list to sue a company

for up to \$5,000 if the company violates the law and calls the business more than once a year; preventing companies from blocking their number from appearing on any business' Caller ID; prohibiting companies from using recorded message devices to make these calls; and restricting these calls to between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Supporters say this long overdue bill will finally allow businesses to put a stop to these annoying invasions. They argued the system has worked well for consumers and will be a success for businesses.

HORSEBACK RIDERS UNDER 18 MUST WEAR HELMETS (H 3265) - Approved on June 7, 2017 - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would require all horseback riders under 18 to wear a helmet. A \$50 fine would be imposed on violators or the violator's parents if the offender is under the age of 17.

Supporters say the mandate will prevent many injuries and save lives. Opponents say parents should have the authority to decide on whether their child wears a helmet. They say to watch out for a slippery slope which will eventually lead to a law requiring adults over 18 to also wear helmets.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Under this [federal] tax bill, Eversource and other utility companies are getting a major tax break, paid for by the American people. We're taking this action to ensure that the companies use these corporate savings to lower rates for Massachusetts customers instead of lining their own pockets."

Attorney General Maura Healey calling on the Department of Public Utilities to reverse Eversource's recent rate hike and instead, lower customers' rates by more than \$74 million dollars to reflect the coming reduction of the federal corporate tax from 35 to 21 percent.

"Certain provisions that would adversely affect Massachusetts appear to have been mitigated and the governor appreciates that the bill secures tax breaks for middle and low-income earners, but the administration is concerned about the hurried process resulting in lack of bipartisan support."

Gov. Baker spokesman Brendan Moss on the federal tax relief bill.

"While President Trump just signed into law ... a huge tax break for himself and his billionaire friends and donors, Congress is gearing up to pay for the giveaway by slashing Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security in 2018."

Paul Shannon of the Massachusetts People's Budget Campaign.

"Everyone has their own different forms in terms of leadership, and what Acting President Chandler's will be I'm not sure. We've known each other for a long time - both served in the House together. She's always been a friend, so I don't expect any issues."

House Speaker Bob DeLeo in an interview with the State House News Service.

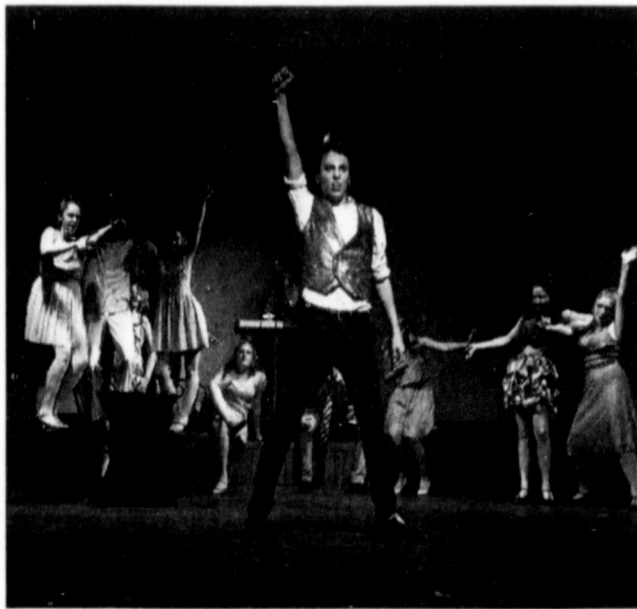
HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late-night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of December 17-21, the House met for a total of 2 hours and 17 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 50 minutes.

More Cohasset photos from 2017



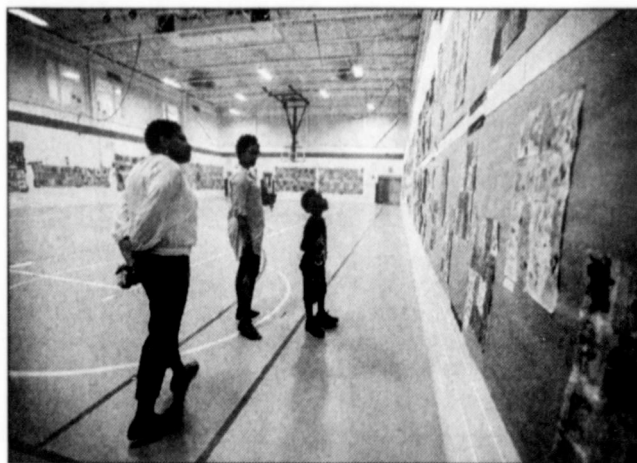
Angie Kelley grabs a chicken salad sandwich while getting the plates ready for the seniors for the Mother's Day luncheon at Willcutt Commons on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN]



Robbie Hart, played by Jordan Robey, finishes his song in the wedding scene of the *Wedding Singer* produced by the Cohasset Dramatic Club. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN]



During a round of tug of war Sophia Grudinskis, 10, slips in the sand as she pulls with teammates Grace Madden, 12, and Bridet Degroat, 12 on Fun Day at the Cohasset Sailing Club in August. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]



Kaleb Parris-Wells, center, looks at fellow students' art projects with mother Ashlei Parris, center left, and Sandra Blackett, left, during the art show at Joseph Osgood Elementary School in May. [WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY CAROLYN BICK]



First grader Christian Kondrat takes a selfie with his friend Michael Joyce with his mom's cell phone before their first day of school while waiting at their bus stop by Arrowwood Road on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN]

YEAR IN REVIEW: ROLLING OUT BYOD

By Abigail Adams
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BYOD explained

The new "bring your own device" program was introduced to Middle-High School students to kick off the 2017-18 school year. The program requires students to regularly bring a personal device from home to assist them in the classroom as a part of the district's new Digital Learning initiative.

"[There is] a lot of ability to interact on a level with students that we were not able to do before," said District Director for Digital Learning Sue Skeiber.

Devices must meet a series of requirements to qualify for use within the program's boundaries including a seven-inch minimum screen size, 2 GB of memory (RAM), access to the Google Chrome browser, and at least a six-hour battery life. Cell phones are not considered a device under the district's BYOD guidelines and are not allowed on the school's network.

Questions and concerns addressed

At an event held to help familiarize parents with the new program, parents from across the district raised a number of concerns including affordability, note-taking and textbook use. Additionally, fears that the bandwidth -- otherwise known as the connection speed -- would not be adequate with hundreds of devices on the network at once were debunked in the initial months of the program.

Some parents were also concerned that some students lack the necessary keyboarding skills required of this program. Many students who participated in the pilot program, however, pointed out that many of them have been using these kinds of devices from a young age and that incorporating them into their every-day learning only enhanced their ability to function within a classroom setting.

Professional development

Although some Cohasset educators were not as tech-savvy as some of their peers, the district has offered ongoing professional development and opportunities for teachers to learn from one another about new technologies. Teachers have had the opportunity to learn about Google Classroom, applications, sheets, and forms among other digital tools.

"No one is an expert, but everyone has something to share," said Skeiber. "Our job is to figure out who knows what and help each other."

With this new program, teachers have more opportunities to utilize a number of different websites and applications for instruction with their students. English Language Arts teacher Catherine Duggan said the program has allowed her to be "less of a facilitator and more of a coach in the classroom."

Initial roll-out

Overall, roll-out of the BYOD program ultimately went over fairly smoothly among both students and faculty alike. The implementation did not come without a couple glitches, but many were easily addressed.

While the network proved to withstand the volume of active devices connected to the network, connectivity issues sprung to the forefront shortly after the program began. Students were reminded that cell phones should not be connected to the network after some had begun to connect to the network, designated solely for educational purposes, on their cell phones, ultimately slowing down the speed at which other devices were able to connect.

At the end of the first week, many thanks were given to those at the school's help desk for their assistance with troubleshooting the influx of problems that cropped up while students and their devices adjusted to the BYOD program. Roughly 80 percent of students brought in devices during the first week of school, according to a survey

circulated to students.

December update

After three-and-a-half months, the new BYOD program had already ingrained itself in the school's culture, according to Superintendent Louise Demas. Deputy Chief Information Officer Bart Riley said many of the initial bugs have been fixed, including improvements to Blackboard Connect, connection issues, and bandwidth reallocation to better accommodate learning in the classroom.

In addition to fixing the bugs, other improvements to the school's technology included a firewall upgrade, charging stations in each classroom, and the installation of centralized printing. Assistant Superintendent Patrick Sullivan said BYOD has already begun to redefine teaching in the classroom.

According to Skeiber, 85 percent of students have their own devices with 26 long-term loans as well as a handful of short-term loans.

YEAR IN REVIEW: MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN 2017

By Abigail Adams
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Celebration of Service

This November, town employees came together to celebrate 15 who have worked for the town for 25 or more years. Town Manager Chris Senior said their time serving the Town amounts to over 400 years of service.

"It is an amazing thing to come to a town like this and to have this kind of wealth of experience and this dedication," said Senior.

The following employees were honored for their service: Jane Henderson, Bob Egan, Mary Snow, Francis Mahoney, Jr., Linda Litchfield, Bill Quigley, Mark Kelly, Boyd Livingston, Robert Pipenbrink, Kenneth "Barry" Butman, Herb Marsh, Carl Sestito, Robert Protulis, Bob Silvia, and Steve Wigmore.

Safe Harbor

In 2017, the Safe Harbor Cohasset Coalition has continued their work encouraging healthy, educated and responsible decision-making around drug and alcohol use across a series of avenues. One of the coalition's biggest achievements of the year came in the form of a \$625,000 five-year federal Drug-Free Communities Grant.

According to coalition Chair Christine Murphy, the grant would go toward improving programming, hiring prevention

professionals, and help build upon the coalition's skill set. Murphy said \$25,000 will go directly toward program development each year. The grant can be renewed after five years, extending it to a ten-year appropriation of funds.

Safe Harbor has continued to host a variety of awareness and prevention programs to maintain a well-educated community throughout 2017 in addition to their battle against the growing drug crisis. Murphy said resolving these issues will have to be a community effort, but said the coalition is ready to dig their heels in and support the community as much as possible.

Boston Marathon runner

Cohasset native Emily Robbins was recently selected to run the Boston Marathon for the Martin Richard Foundation formed in honor of the eight-year-old boy who was killed during the 2013 Marathon bombing. The 21-year-old, who is an avid long-time runner, said it "felt right" to apply for a spot on the team, adding that she wants to bring more kindness to the world in Martin's name.

"I think that right now, with the world being a not-so-friendly place for some people, we need to bring more kindness to the world and I hope that I am able to contribute to that cause," said Robbins.

Robbins was initially concerned

she would not earn a spot on the team considering her lack of experience running marathons, but will begin a multi-week training regimen in January to help prepare her for the big race. Additionally, Robbins' goal is to raise \$7,500 for the Martin Richard Foundation.

Student Resource Officer

The Student Resource Office position has shown its worth to the town since its implementation roughly two years ago. Police Chief Bill Quigley said the position has allowed the department to get ahead of some situations they may not have in the past.

"We are just happy to be able to have a School Resource Officer in place because it has paid dividends over the last few years," said Quigley.

Recently, Officer Jay St. Ives announced his departure from the Cohasset Police Department as he prepares to transfer to the Braintree Police division. St. Ives entered the local spotlight this past summer after a Facebook post of him sharing his lunch with an enthusiastic three-year-old boy at Cohasset House of Pizza went viral and caught the eye of several local news outlets.

Greg Taylor, a Cohasset native and five-year veteran on the force, took over the position on Dec. 18. Taylor said he is excited about holding the position and hopes students can even teach him a thing or two, particularly

about technology.

Chris Senior

Now in his fourth year with the town, Town Manager Chris Senior has helped Cohasset take some major steps in the right direction. The Board of Selectmen commended him for his commitment to the job, tireless energy, and the positive outlook he both carries and demonstrates regularly.

Among some of Senior's best achievements include improvements to the town's Human Resources department, his general financial management skills, and his ability to solve a number of complex issues for the town with his sharp negotiation and mediation skills. Senior said he is looking forward to the challenges he will face in the year ahead.

"I think that we have come a long way, and I think we have a lot more exciting things ahead," said Senior. "I'm excited about the things we are going to accomplish."

Historical Society

The Cohasset Historical Society was quite active within the community during 2017. In addition to their regular programming, the society worked in conjunction with filmmaker David Fresnia to dig up various materials that memorialized the summer of 1986 when production for the movie "The Witches of Eastwick"

took over the town.

In return for their support, Fresnia donated a costume to the society from the film that was gifted to him by one of the actors he had interviewed for his recently-released documentary commemorating the historic filming. The grey-and-black striped overcoat was put on display in the Pratt Memorial building, where the Historical Society is headquartered, in an exhibit of the group's extensive collection of historic garments.

The Historical Society also purchased the Beechwood Church that closed down in 2016 after a number of circumstances force the 150-year-old congregation to close. The building will now be home to two antique firefighting handtub pumpers, which the society has been looking to put on display.

In addition to becoming the town's newest museum, the soon-to-be-dubbed "Beechwood Meeting House" will serve as a venue for a variety of community functions including meetings, lectures, performances, and other formal and informal events. Preserving history in a community like Cohasset is important to people like Historical Society President Kathy O'Malley who feels this town has a lot to offer in terms of historical impact.

"For a volunteer operation, we are very proud," said O'Malley.

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The charity is looking to clear out the feline wing of its shelter so that it can take in a large group of new cats in desperate need of help -- cats who have been waiting patiently for their turn at finding new families.

Those interested are encouraged to visit the shelter during open hours as soon as possible, so that all paperwork can be completed in advance of the January 9th date (Open hours are Tuesdays 12 to 6 p.m., Wednesday and Thursdays 2 to 5 p.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; please check



Adoption fees for cats at the Scituate Animal Shelter are being waived or reduced on January 9 to make room for more rescued felines. [COURTESY PHOTO]

ScituateAnimalShelter.org as open hours can be subject to change).

Finding a new family would mean the world to a cat currently living in the Shelter, and could mean a more joyful and

loving year for you.

Questions, please call email Ashley at AshleyDavis@ScituateAnimalShelter.org or call 781-544-4533, extension 302.

HOLLY HILL FARM

Woodland Walk is Jan. 1

Holly Hill Farm is located at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. For information: 781-383-6565; hollyhillfarm.org.

MONTHLY WINTER FARM STAND 2018:

Check the website in January for dates -- Hollyhillfarm.org. Send email to friends@hollyhillfarm@gmail.com for weekly news from the farm stand and other farm events and programs.

though the fall schedule has come to a close, teen farmers who want to plan ahead for early spring chores or would like to help out on a limited basis during the winter months are welcome. If students need community service hours, consider coming to the farm, as the Winter work never ceases. Contact Jon Belber to plan your community service requirements at Holly Hill Farm while learning valuable growing and harvesting skills to last a lifetime. For information and to register, contact Education Director Jon Belber at 781-383-6565 or jbelberhollyhill@hotmail.com.

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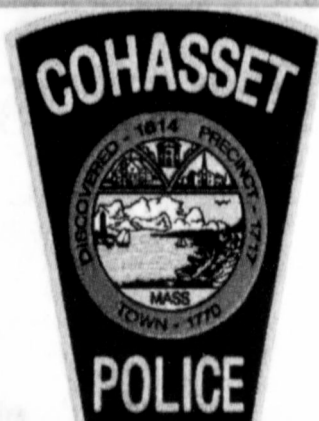


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Send your stuff

The Cohasset Mariner sports department is always looking for a little extra hand. Please send your story ideas, stories and photos to wwassersug@wickedlocal.com and follow him on Twitter @scifisportsguy

ROUNDUP

Girls hockey splits

The Cohasset/Hanover girls hockey team split its last two games, both in close ones. Saturday Dec. 23, the girls picked up a big 3-2 win over Whitman-hanson/Silver Lake. For Cohasset/Hanover, goals were from Morgan Foley (assist Olivia Hussey), Lily Tobin (assist Jacqui Manning, Sydney Davis) and Olivia Hussey (assist Sydney Davis). Anna Tedeschi was strong in net with 22 saves. In the next game, Wed. Dec. 27, the girls lost a 3-1 decision to Duxbury. Cohasset/Hanover trailed 2-1 into the last two minutes of the third period before Duxbury added an insurance goal. Lindsey Belche scored, with the assists to Lauren Farren and Morgan Foley. Also Saturday, the boys hockey team lost 7-0 to Quincy. On the wrestling mats, the Skip-pers swept a home quad Saturday with to improve to 8-0 for the season. Cohasset beat Nauset 50-10, Bellingham 67-3 and South Shore Vo-Tech 39-16. The team was in action this week at the Marshfield Tournament.

BASKETBALL

Brian Scalabrino Clinic

The Scituate High School Boys Basketball Boosters presents ... a Co-Ed Holiday Basketball Clinic with 2008 NBA Champion Boston Celtic and NBC Sports Boston Analyst - Brian Scalabrino, Friday, December 29, 2017 at the Scituate High School Large Gym. Check in is 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and the clinic for grades 2-8 is at 12 p.m. Brian Scalabrino appearance at 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. For more information and a registration form/waiver, contact Robyn Sullivan, rksullivan@yahoo.com. All proceeds to benefit the SHS Boys Basketball Team.

Banner year



Cohasset's Noah Froio holds the trophy as Will Thomas and Cal Osten look on after Cohasset beat Hull 34-14 Thanksgiving Day at Hull. [WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG]

A look at 2017 sports in photos

By William Wassersug

Looking back at Cohasset sports in 2017, one thing that can be said was that it was another banner year.

Skipper teams had it going once again, including the girls lacrosse team who won the State Championship June after finally getting past Norwell.

The boys and girls basketball teams both had impressive runs deep into the tournament, with the boys getting to the Sectional Semifinals and the girls powering to the Sectional Finals.

The boys soccer team and girls soccer teams rocked, with the boys winning the Sectional Final and the girls getting to the semis.

Both the boys and girls hockey teams were tournament bound as were both the boys and girls tennis teams.



Tori Ross, 17, and Amanda Vitello, 18, both of the Cohasset Varsity Softball team, stand with the Rob Spofford awards they were presented with during the field ceremonies held at Barnes Complex. [WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/MARK JARRET CHAVOUS]

The field hockey team also made their way to the Sectional Finals.

Wrestlers had big showings during the regular season and at sectionals, where more than one placed.

On the golf course, Jack

Fechter became the first Cohasset golfer to qualify for States four years in a row. There were plenty more great performances at every level of sports.

Here's a look back at some of our favorite photos.



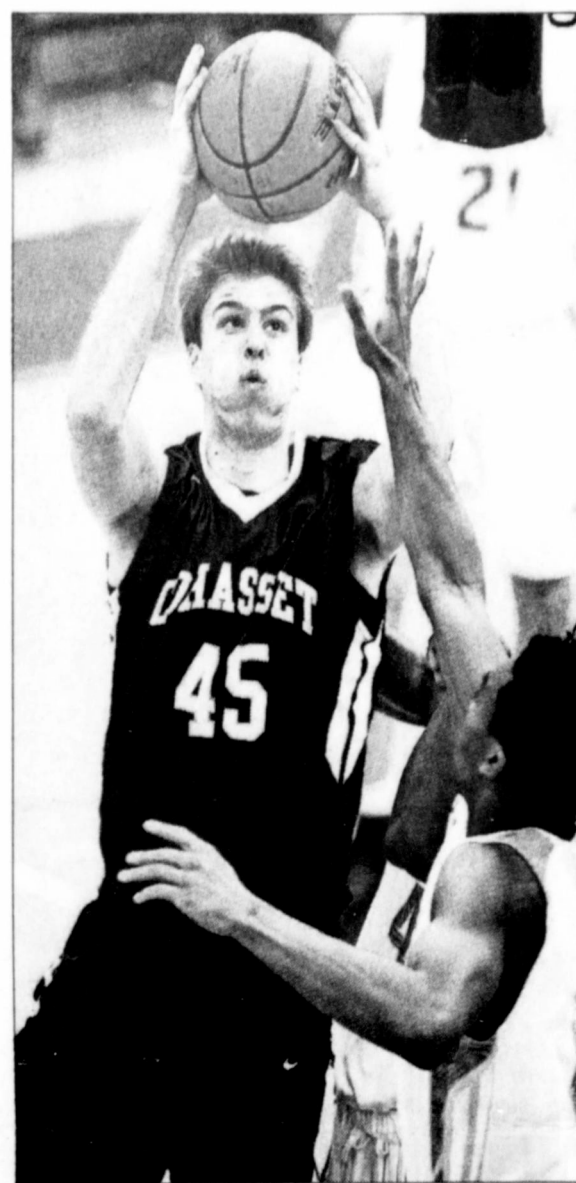
Cohasset's Bridget Osten is hugged by Maggie Hoffman, 15, from the stands as the Cohasset girls lacrosse team beat Walpole 14-5 in the MIAA State Finals at Boston University on June 17. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]



Cohasset's Jimmy Farren tangles against Rockland Jan. 8. [WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG]



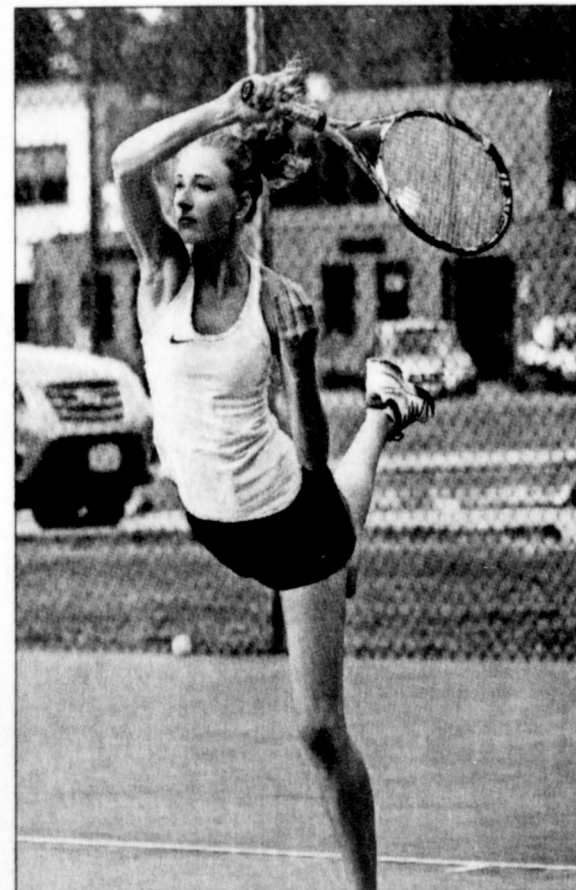
A surprise cake to congratulate Coach LaVangie on his 500th win is presented after the girls game on Friday, Jan. 20, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]



Cohasset's Chase Bomeisler shoots for two past Cathedral defenders as Cohasset faces Cathedral High School in high school boys basketball tourney action held at Quincy High School, Tuesday, March 7, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/GARY HIGGINS]

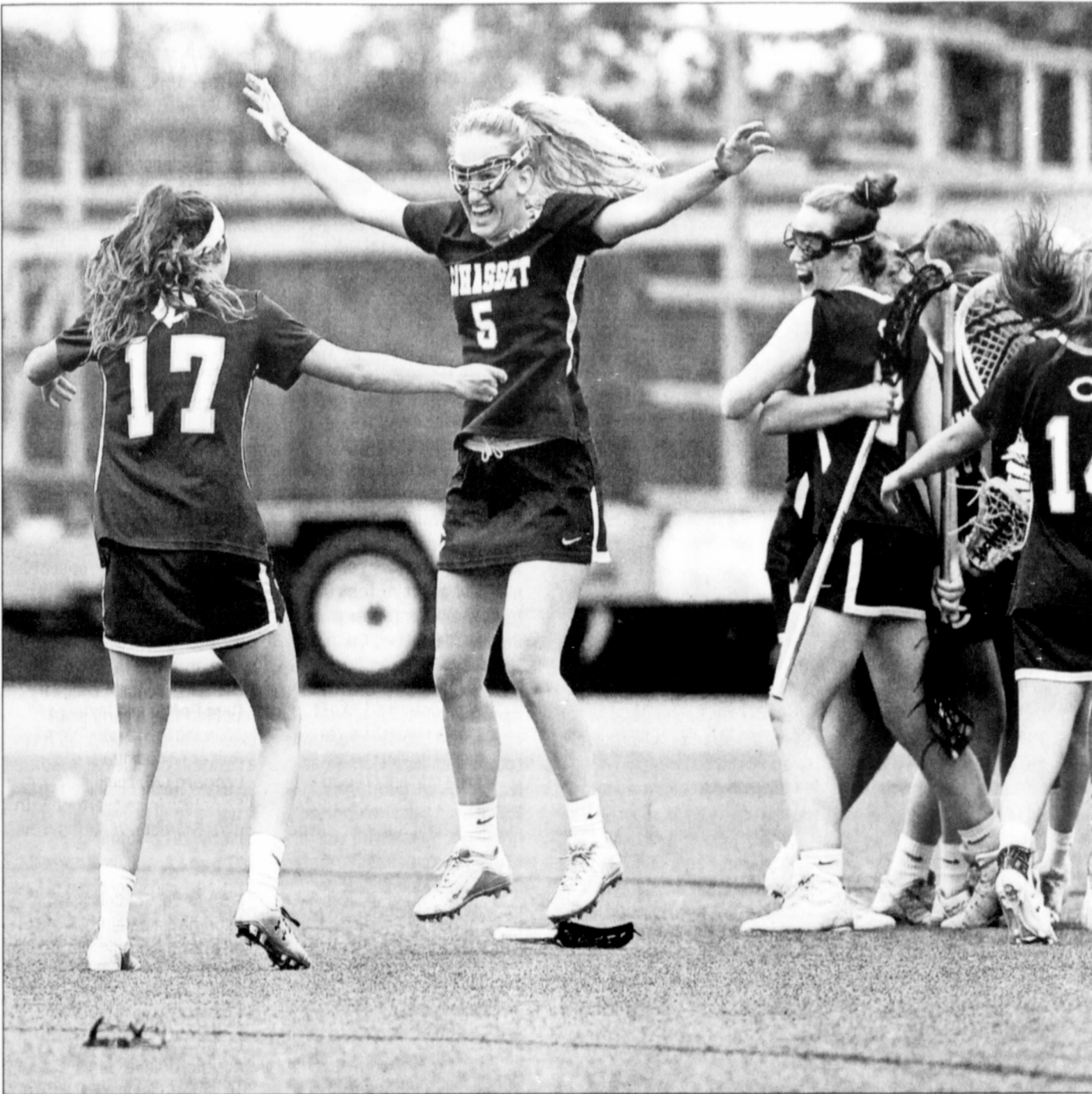


Cohasset pitcher Michael Cohen delivers during the MIAA Div. 4 South Sectional semifinal June 9 at Plymouth North High School. Cohen pitched well in a 4-1 loss to Upper Cape Tech. [WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG]

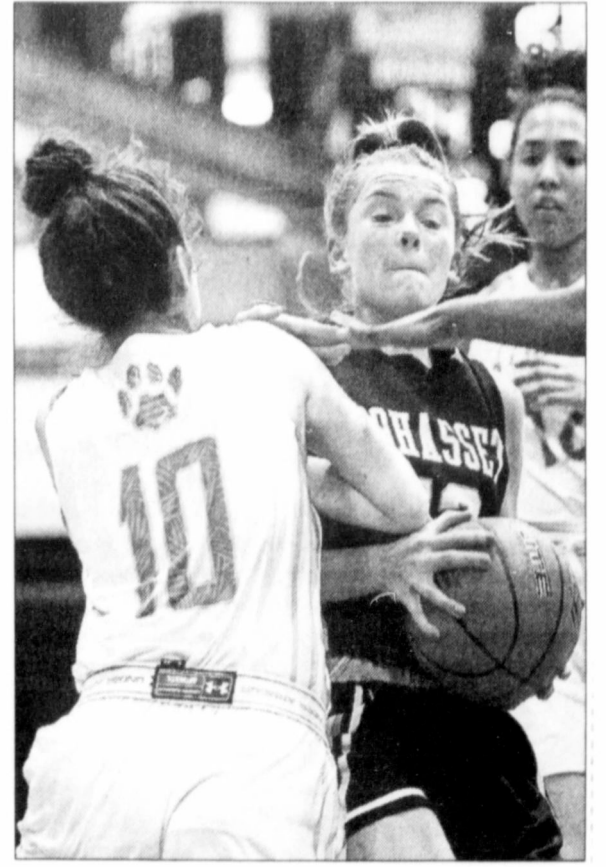


Cohasset tennis first singles Holly Van Etten gracefully returns a lob. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]

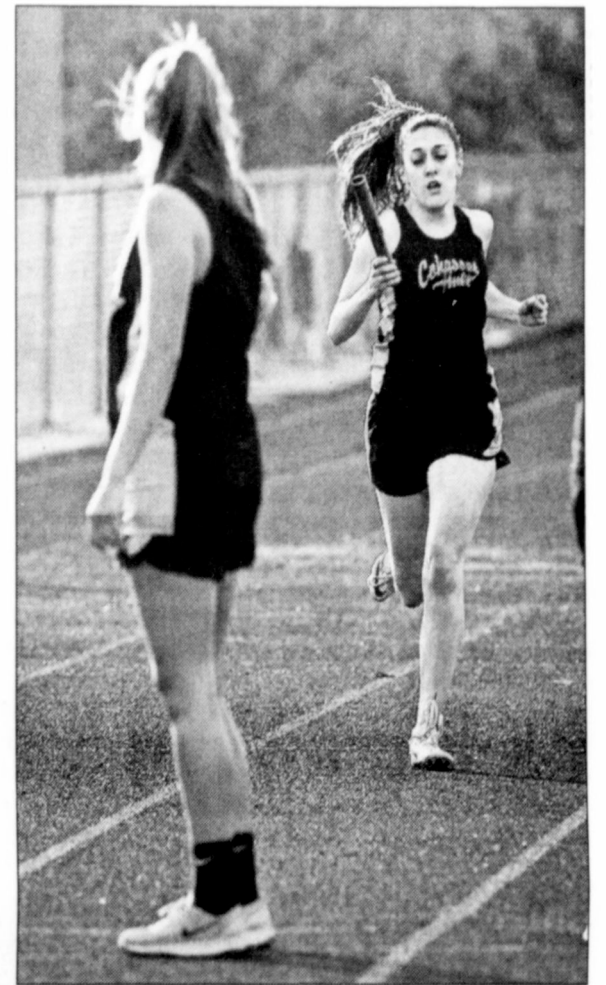
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Cohasset's Zoe Doherty jumps in the air and goes to hug senior Marina Longo in celebration after defeating Walpole 14-5 in the MIAA State Finals at Boston University on June 17, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]



Cohasset's Molly Greer is fouled by Cathedral's Sarah Richi during a drive into the paint in the fourth quarter of their game in the Division 4 South Sectional Final at Brockton High on Friday, March 10, 2017. Greer is off to a great start for the 2017/18 season. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]



Lili Astino of Cohasset prepares to hand the baton off to Shawna Greenway of Hull in the 4X400 meter relay race in their meet against Rockland on Thursday, May 4, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]



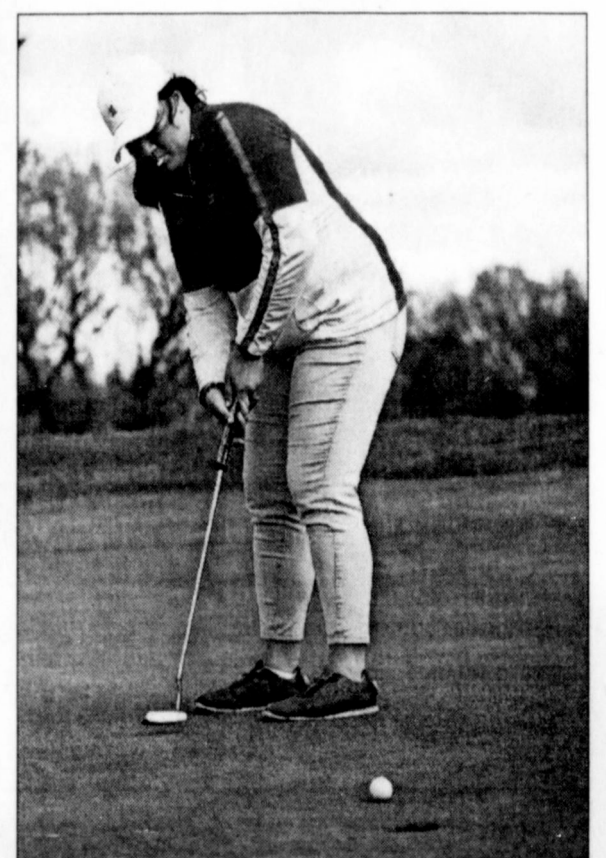
Parker Appel of Cohasset is cooled down with the help of George Parks of Jerusalem Road who was cooling off athletes as they run by his home on their way to the finish line which is about a mile away on Sunday, June 25, 2017. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ROBIN CHAN]



Marina Longo squeezes Elle Hansen after Longo scored to increase the Cohasset girls lacrosse team's lead to 9-3 with 18 minutes left to play in the MIAA State Finals at Boston University June 17, 2017. The girls went on to win 14-5. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]



Cohasset's Noah Froio and Will Thomas celebrate a goal during a 16-3 win over Mashpee April 12. Froio scored three goals in the win. [COURTESY PHOTO/DAN LEAHY]



Cohasset first Emily Moy sinks her putt during meet at Hingham at South Shore Country Club on May 3, 2017. The girls had an excellent season. [WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ALYSSA STONE]

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COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

The following are excerpts from the Cohasset Police/Fire Log which is public record and available for review.

Monday, Dec. 18

5:13 a.m.: A panic alarm was reported at a residence on Rose Hill Lane. Police reported a nanny on scene stated she set it off accidentally.

9:21 a.m.: A caller from Beechwood Street reported an ongoing issue with dogs being let out at 4 or 5 a.m. and barking. Police advised the owner of the complaint.

1:45 a.m.: A caller reported an erratic operator tried to pass him on the right near Tedeschi Plaza on Chief Justice Cushing Highway and continued to follow him into Scituate. Scituate police were notified.

2:34 p.m.: A caller reported someone skating on the pond on King Street alone. The caller was concerned because it was warm out. Police reported nothing showing in the area.

5:13 p.m.: A two-car accident was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway at Ridge Top Road. One vehicle had an oil leak and airbag deployment. No injuries were reported, and the environmental police responded.

6:04 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle accident was reported near Curtis Liquors on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. No injuries were reported, and an officer assisted with paper exchange.

6:41 p.m.: A caller reported finding a black Lab with tags in his fenced backyard on Eldredge Lane.

7:52 p.m.: A fire alarm was reported at Red Lion Inn on South Main Street. Fire personnel reported nothing showing and attempted to reset an outside sprinkler alarm. The owner was advised to contact the alarm company.

9:46 p.m.: A caller reported an unknown alarm going off at a vacant house on South Main Street. Fire personnel reported

a bad water leak caused the detector to go off. A message was left for the realtor about the leak.

11:40 p.m.: Scituate police reported an erratic operator in a four-door white sedan traveling at a high rate of speed on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Police reported nothing showing in the area.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

4:43 a.m.: A caller reported hitting a deer on Beechwood Street. He reported no damage to his motor vehicle but was unsure if the animal was hurt. Police reported nothing showing.

10:49 a.m.: Smoke was reported in Shoemarket for Kids on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. The building was evacuated. Smoke was reported coming from the thermostat due to recent issues with the heat. Fire personnel shut down the heating unit.

11:14 a.m.: A caller reported a deceased turkey in the roadway on Border Street. The animal control officer was notified.

11:33 a.m.: A caller requested a well being check on a party on Lily Pond. Police reported someone was skating on the pond but did not appear to be in distress.

11:49 a.m.: A caller reported an injured deer on Jerusalem Road. The ACO reported the deer was gone on arrival.

1:37 p.m.: A FedEx driver reported that a white pickup truck hit his truck, taking off the mirror, and kept going on Forest Avenue. No injuries were reported.

1:38 p.m.: A caller reported he was at the airport and checked the security in his home on Sohler Street because he got an alert that a camera was moved. He believed his daughter might be having a party. Police spoke to landscapers across the street, who reported that a skinny blonde female party climbed

in through one of the windows and quickly climbed out. Police confirmed it was the homeowner's daughter.

9:32 p.m.: An erratic operator was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway heading toward Scituate. Scituate police were advised.

10:44 p.m.: A caller reported that parties in an older blue minivan stole lawn Christmas decorations on Fair Oaks Lane. The caller stated that multiple kids took a wooden Snoopy and a wooden Ginchi. Police checked the area with negative results.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

9:18 a.m.: A two-car accident was reported on Cedar Acres Drive at Forest Avenue. Two wreckers were requested for the vehicles, and parties were transported to South Shore Hospital.

4:36 p.m.: A walk-in reported larceny.

Thursday, Dec. 21

9:53 a.m.: A past animal bite was reported on Beechwood Street.

12:03 p.m.: A general fire alarm was reported on Howard Gleason Road. Fire personnel reported workers on scene and multiple issues with the alarm. The keyholder was advised to contact the alarm company.

1:18 p.m.: A burglar alarm was reported at a residence on Little Harbor Road. Police reported the building appeared secure.

3:57 p.m.: A fire investigation was conducted on Pond Street for a beeping smoke detector. Fire personnel reported the problem was due to a low battery.

5:46 p.m.: A caller reported garbage in the roadway on Norman Todd Road. An officer reported a large amount of trash in the road, and the Department of Public Works was notified. Police spoke to the owner of the trash, who stated that it had been picked

up and must have fallen off the truck.

10:05 p.m.: A male party in a white vehicle was reported going through the mail at Avalon Bay on King Street. Police reported the party had just moved from Arizona and was picking up his mail.

10:46 p.m.: A caller reported a large raccoon that appeared to have been struck still thrashing around in the roadway on King Street at Sanctuary Pond Road. The state DPW was notified.

Friday, Dec. 22

2:48 a.m.: A motion alarm was reported at Pilgrim Bank on South Main Street. Police completed a walk-through with the keyholder.

8:36 a.m.: A mudroom entry alarm was reported at a residence on Haystack Lane. Police reported the mudroom door was open and checked the house. A voicemail was left for the keyholder, and police reported the property appeared secure.

1:28 p.m.: A caller reported she was in a car on Hull Street and the driver was drunk and would not pull over. The driver stated the passenger was drunk and accused him of doing drugs.

1:31 p.m.: A two-car accident was reported on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. No injuries were reported, and a tow was requested for one vehicle.

3:37 p.m.: A caller reported two dogs, a dachshund and a golden retriever, missing for the past few hours on Beechwood Street.

3:50 p.m.: A carbon monoxide alarm was reported beeping in a basement on Norfolk Road. The caller was advised to evacuate. Fire personnel found no readings and reported a problem with the system.

8:55 p.m.: An erratic operator was reported all over the road on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Police reported no sign of the vehicle, and Scituate police were notified.

9:59 p.m.: An inside odor of gas was reported on Sky View Way. The caller was unsure of the source but stated they were not feeling sick. Fire personnel reported nothing showing.

Saturday, Dec. 23

7:09 a.m.: A caller reported the hill near Beechwood Playground was a sheet of ice. The DPW was notified.

7:26 a.m.: A caller reported the street on Jerusalem Road at Linden Drive was a sheet of ice. The DPW was updated on the road conditions.

7:32 a.m.: A flatbed truck reportedly hit a pole on Beechwood Street. The driver was not injured, and National Grid was advised.

7:50 a.m.: A two-car rear-end accident was reported near Harborview Center for Nursing on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. No injuries were reported. The DPW was notified for sand.

7:56 a.m.: A two-car crash was reported on Jerusalem Road. No injuries were reported.

7:57 a.m.: A vehicle reportedly hit a large rock on the side of the road near Cohasset Water Services on King Street. No injuries were reported, and the vehicle was towed.

8:17 a.m.: A DPW truck reportedly hit a pole on Cedar Street. The operator was not on scene, and the truck had been coned off to wait for a tow. Police requested the driver and supervisor respond to the scene. National Grid was notified of the cracked pole.

8:40 a.m.: A caller reported his 28-foot six-wheel truck slid over an unoccupied motor vehicle in the parking lot at Stop & Shop on Chief Justice Cushing Highway. Papers were exchanged.

8:44 a.m.: A well being check was requested for a male party sleeping inside a black Mercedes near the Paul Pratt Library on Ripley Road. Police spoke to the operator, who was awaiting a ride.

8:57 a.m.: A two-car accident was reported on Reservoir Road. No injuries were reported, and a tow company responded.

3:41 p.m.: A walk-in reported debris on the MBTA tracks on King Street. Police reported nothing found.

7:39 p.m.: A caller reported carbon monoxide alarms going off on Surry Drive. The caller was not at home, but his kids were. The occupants were advised to evacuate. Fire personnel reported readings and notified National Grid. The heat was turned off and the dwelling ventilated. National Grid and the plumbing inspector responded.

Sunday, Dec. 24

10:54 a.m.: An erratic operator was reported in a black Jeep on Sohler Street, swerving all over the road. A police search of the area was negative.

11:40 a.m.: Scituate police reported that a party in an older Suburban took mail from a resident on Blue Hill Road. Scituate further reported that it was a mail delivery and the caller was confused.

1:57 p.m.: A walk-in reported a hit-and-run involving a black two-door Mercedes on South Main Street. The party was identified by the reporting party.

9:19 p.m.: A caller reported her daughter's father was at the house on Hull Street after driving the kids there while intoxicated. She stated he was not causing a disturbance but was supposedly intoxicated. The kids were home safe, and the male party left the property going toward Hingham. The reported party wanted a well being check for the party. Weymouth police made contact with the party, whose sobriety checked out.

9:35 p.m.: A caller reported fireworks on Aaron River Road. Two other callers reported the same. Police reported the area was quiet on arrival.



Year in review

YEAR IN REVIEW: Laurie Donnelly and friend Teri Damato buy a cup o' joe from Seabird Coffee & Co. owner Brian McLaughlin during the Village Stroll earlier this month. (WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY MARK JARRET CHAVOUS)

OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

John J. Riley

COHASSET – John J. "Jack" Riley of Bonita Springs, Fla., and summer resident of Cohasset, passed away on December 16, 2017 peacefully at age 83.

Born in Boston, he was a graduate of Milton High School, Boston College (class of 1956) and served several years in the Marine Corps.

Along with a career at Hallmark Cards, Jack was involved in real estate investment and development of homes and office condos on the South Shore.

Jack was a competitive golfer and enjoyed his membership at The Colony in Fla., and Cohasset Golf Club. He was a founder of Cohasset Youth Hockey and spent hours on the ice with the boys. He was always up for a game of tennis with friends.

The introduction to sailing by close friends became a lifelong passion. He was on the Resolute whenever possible, cruising or just day sailing out of Cohasset Yacht Club.

In the winter it was family time skiing in New England and several trips out west.

He and Gin loved their long walks along the ocean.

He leaves a brother, Dr. Robert Riley of Fla.

Jack was the beloved husband of Virginia Good Riley for 58 years; and a wonderful father to Christine and John Scanlon of Marshfield, John and Susan Riley of Winnetka, Ill., and Paul and Marybeth Riley of Southborough; adoring grandfather to Mike, Pete, Amy, Ben, Katherine, Tom, Jack and Caroline; brother-in-law of Doris Good Marr, Marion and Peter McLaughlin, Beth Good Wadden, Rita Good, Bill and Betsy Good, Christine and John Whoriskey, and John and Meg Good.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Dec. 22, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church in Cohasset, followed immediately by a reception at the Cohasset Lightkeeper's Cottage. Private burial at Cohasset Central Cemetery.

Donations can be made to Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Hospital Development Office, 800 Washington St., Box 231, Boston, MA 02111.

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Estate of: Joyce M. Steele

Also Known As: Joyce
Marilyn Steele

Date of Death: June 21,
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To all persons interested in
the above captioned estate,
by Petition of Petitioner
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Scituate MA** a Will has
been admitted to informal
probate.

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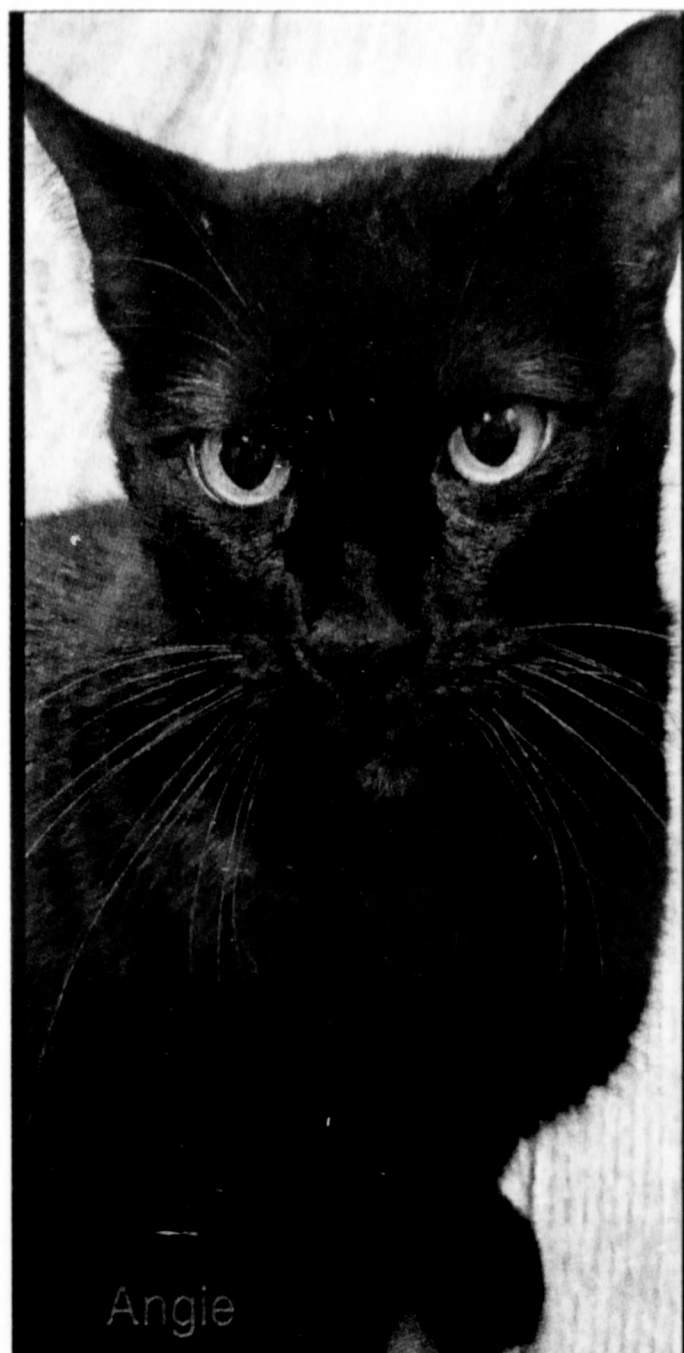
Angie and Molly looking for loving families

By Joanne Berman

This week Hull Sea-
side Animal Rescue is
featuring two ador-
able females who have been
waiting too long to find
their forever homes. Angie
is an all black 3-year-old,
with lime green eyes, and
who loves a good brush-
ing. She's a big girl who
could probably use to lose
a couple of pounds, noth-
ing a regular play schedule
wouldn't fix! She gets
along with other cats and
loves attention. Angie will
make a great companion!

Molly is 5 years old and
very much a loner at the
shelter. She would do well in
a home without other cats,
and is a sweet shy girl who
could use lots of attention,
and from someone with
some patience. She loves to
be brushed and deserves to
be in a loving, quiet home
where she would thrive once
she gains your trust. Molly is
black and white, with some
very cool facial markings and
gorgeous golden eyes. Both
of these girls deserve to find
a place they can call home!

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girls, as well as the other
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Angie



Molly

Do you have room in your heart and family for Angie or Molly, two lovely girls looking for forever homes? [COURTESY PHOTO]

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Joanne Berman is a vol-
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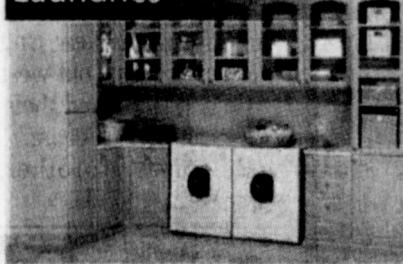
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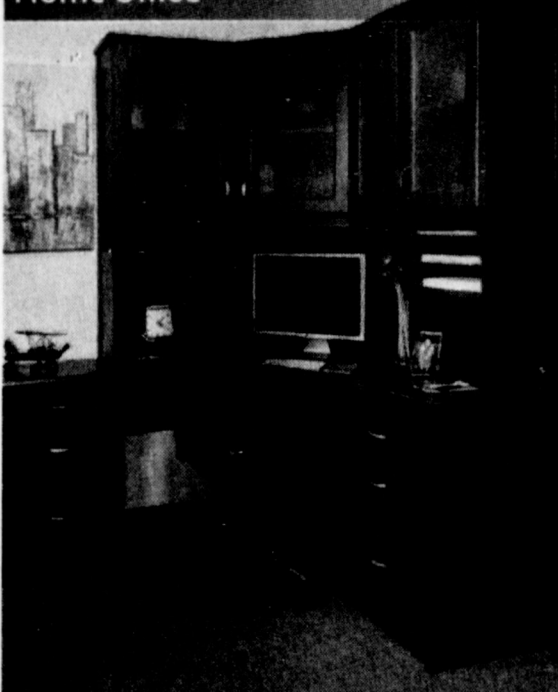
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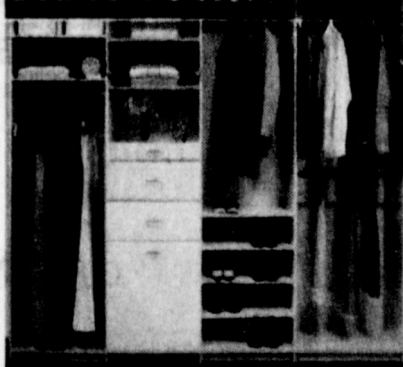
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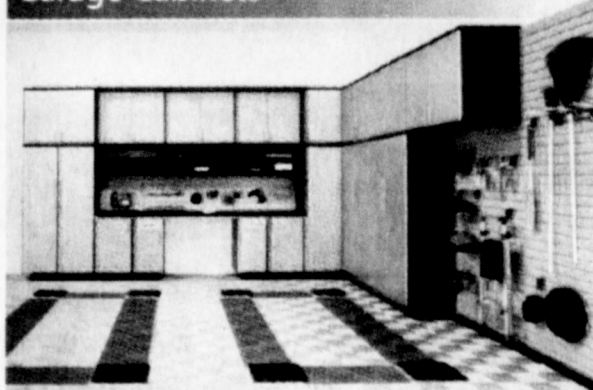
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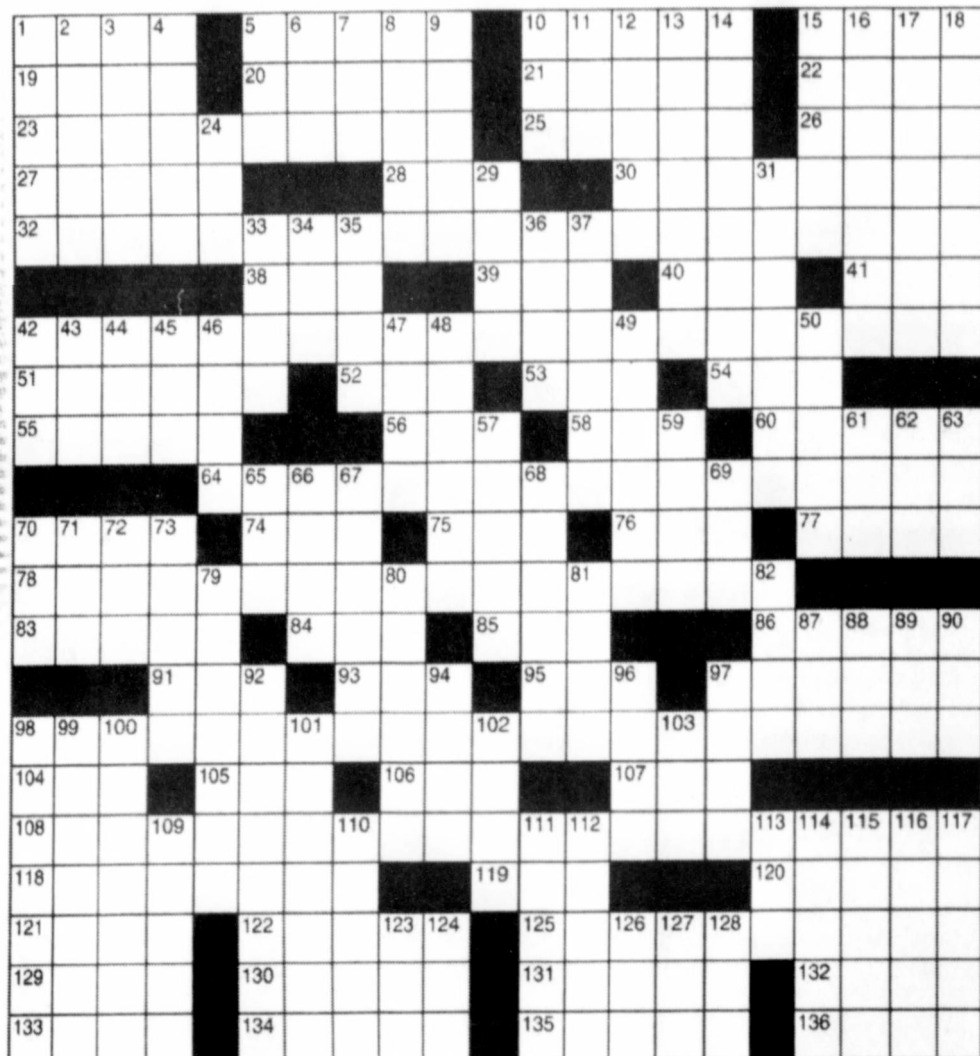
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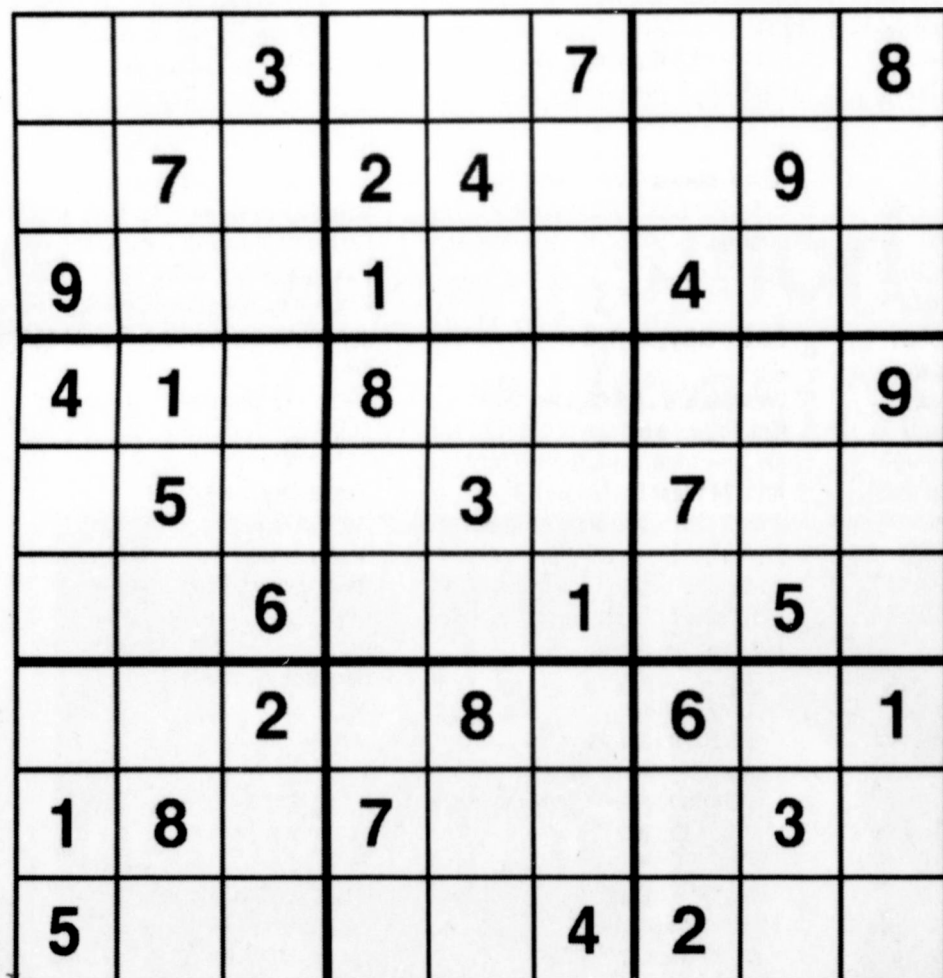
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- 1 Santa — (desert winds)
5 Heroic tales
10 "iZombie" network
15 Marathoner's statistic
19 Promote
20 Horror, e.g.
21 Prefix with gram or liter
22 Strong — ox
23 Start of a riddle
25 "That is to say..."
26 Piper's garb
27 AWOL part
28 Pat lightly
30 Short literary sketch
32 Riddle, part 2
38 Jailbird
39 Poet's "always"
40 German's "one"
41 Suffix with suc- or lact-
42 Riddle, part 3
51 Starting point
52 Ike's initials
53 Cell stuff
54 Government loan agcy.
55 Runway user
56 Clumsy sort
58 Dollar pts.
60 He beat Romney
64 Riddle, part 4
70 "Look, I did it!"
74 Ostrich kin
75 Bohea, e.g.
76 That, in Chile
77 Oil gp.
78 Riddle, part 5
83 '90s-'00s boy band
84 Thrice-spun-off TV show
85 Wimbledon unit
86 Swimming (in)
91 Sue Grafton's "— for Evidence"
93 Mind-reading ability
95 Lifted syllable
97 "Hagar the Horrible" creator Dik
98 Riddle, part 6
104 Pitching whiz
105 Ballpark fig.
106 Prefix meaning "equal"
107 Syllable after "Mao"
108 End of the riddle
118 Merit the best score, maybe
119 Half of hexa-
120 See
45-Down
121 Lacking width and depth, for short
122 Els of golf
125 Riddle's answer
129 Baseball team count
130 Actress Tierney
131 Plants used in first aid
132 Borscht vegetable
133 Anti-DUI org. "— for Evidence"
134 More sneaky
135 Flirty laugh
136 Probability
- DOWN**
- 1 Slanting
2 Like free banking
3 Acoustic
4 Rock's Perry
5 "I" problem
6 Chapel seat
7 Hotel's kin
8 Set of beliefs
9 Roomy car
10 "No need to share all that," in texts
11 That bloke
12 School pupil, in France
13 Actresses Bloom and Danes
14 Fancy shoes
15 George of "Star Trek"
16 "... true statement, correct?"
17 Dog or cat breed
18 Went inside
24 Ida, borderer
29 British TV network, with "the"
31 Tiny self-propelled machine
33 Clicked-on graphic
34 Bart Simpson, to Marge
35 With a sharp image, briefly
36 — do-we'll the event in time, say
42 Marge Simpson, to Bart
43 — Magnon
44 Prefix with day or week
45 With 120-Across, 65 and older, e.g.
46 Sledding site
47 Work like —
48 Cherished by
49 Ramble on
50 Verboten act
59 Cubs hero
61 Galaxy buy
62 Pal of Larry and Curly
63 Jets' gp.
65 Conifer with toxic seeds
66 Apple choice
67 Sipped on
68 Sex cell
69 Down vote
70 Earthy color
71 Muscles below pecs
72 Handyman's initialism
73 Nixon's veep
79 Actress Annabella
80 Not make the event in time, say
81 Other, in Chile
82 Delhi wear
87 Concave
88 Stupefy
89 NBC skit show since '75
90 Kin of "Psst!"
92 Secondary details
94 Elegant
96 Voting
69-Down — (chicken dish)
98 Particles composed of quarks
99 South Pacific region
100 Soho locale
101 Left-leaning
102 Ring around a castle
103 Pa. hours
109 Surrendered
110 Listless feeling
111 Yummy morsel
112 Edge shyly
113 Abbr. at LAX
114 1990s fitness fad
115 "— a drink!"
116 Looked at provocatively
117 Swift homes
123 Wrath
124 Acoustic organ
126 "So lancy!"
127 Peace gesture
128 Nationality suffix

Sudoku



Level: Moderate

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time for reunions with those very special people from your past. You could be pleasantly surprised by what comes to light during one of these get-togethers.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The new year gets off to an encouraging start for the Bold Bovine who takes that demanding workplace challenge by the horns and steers it in the right direction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The clever Gemini will be quick to spot the telltale signs of workplace changes that could open up new opportunities for the right person. (And that's you, isn't it?)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's post-holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back into your comfortable routine. Someone from your past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You've been the ultimate social Lion over

the holidays. Now it's time to relax and recharge your energy so you can be at your best when you pounce on that new project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship could be moving in a direction you might not want to follow. Step back for a better overview of the situation. You might be surprised at what you see.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Emotions rule at the start of the week, affecting your perception about a decision. Best advice: Avoid commitments until that good Libran sense kicks back in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A longtime friendship could take a romantic turn early in the new year. While this pleases your passionate side, your logical self might want to go slow.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone might make a surprising disclosure about a trusted friend or workplace col-

league. Stay cool and reserve judgment until you get more facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might think you've found what you've been looking for. But appearances can be deceiving. Don't act on your discovery until you know more about it.

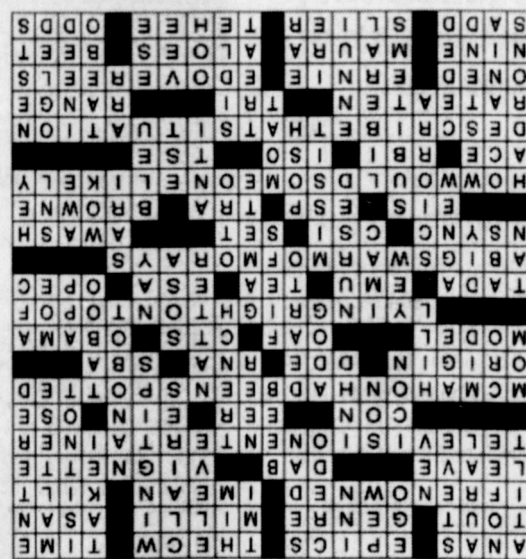
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're no doubt anxious for that confusing situation to be cleared up. But don't press for a quick resolution or you might overlook some vital facts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Now that your holiday distractions are easing, you need to apply yourself to getting those unfinished tasks done so you can begin a new project with a clean slate.

BORN THIS WEEK: People respect both your wisdom and your deep sense of loyalty and compassion.

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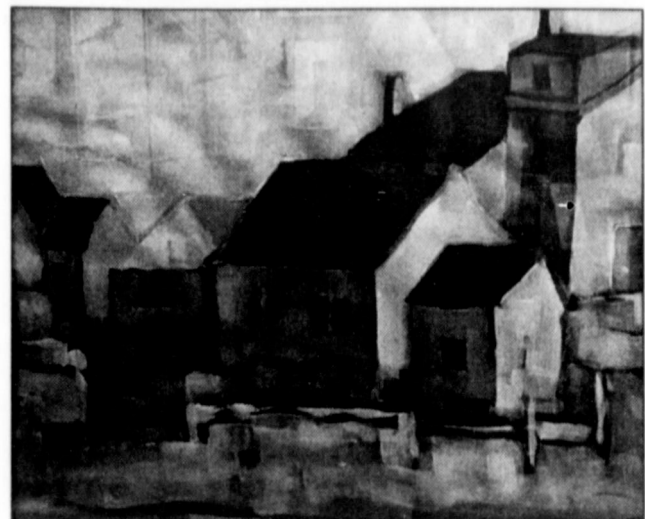
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CALENDAR

January art show at Front Street Art Gallery



WHEN: Jan. 4-28
WHAT: January art show at Front Street Art Gallery
INFO: New art show: Jan. 4-28, Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. "Different Visions" by artists James Burke and Edward Mikenas is on view Jan. 4-28. Gallery hours for the

winter are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; or by appointment. The Gallery is closed Monday through Wednesday. Pictured: "Town Colors" by James Burke.
For information: 781-545-6150, frontstartgallery.com.

Play auditions coming up at Company Theatre



WHEN: Jan. 4 and 7
WHAT: Company Theatre play auditions in Norwell
INFO: Open call play auditions at Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Auditions for "La Cage aux Folles" will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 4 and at 1 p.m. Jan. 7.

Arrive prepared to sing a song from the show in the show key, or a song in a similar musical theater style. Take a headshot or snapshot.
For information: 781-871-2787, companytheatre.com.

New Year's Day walk in Marshfield



WHEN: 1-2:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 1
WHAT: New Year's Day walk
INFO: NSRWA New Year's walk, Pratt Conservation Land and South River in Marshfield. Free, open to the public. Presented by North

and South Rivers Watershed Association. Meet and park at the Marshfield public parking lot next to Levitate and the Skate Park off Route 139. No dogs, please.
For information: 781-659-8168, nsrwa.org.

CALENDAR

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Friday, Dec. 29

Book sale: Dec. 1-31, Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. The Friends of the Ventress Memorial Library will hold a special holiday-themed book sale through December. The books are on sale tables in the library lobby and feature a broad range of holiday books. New titles will be added throughout the month, so keep checking back for best selection. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

Breen Brothers: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Saturday, Dec. 30

Tower of Power: 8 p.m., Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford. \$36.50, \$46.50, \$56.50. For information: 508-994-2900, www.zeiterion.org.

Vere Hill: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Sunday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve party: 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Barker Tavern, 21 Barker Road, Scituate. Rock'n the New Year with Post 192 will feature music by Brandy, dinner provided by the Barker Tavern, champagne, raffles, prizes and more. For information: <https://post192newyearseve.weebly.com>.

Happy New Year with Ghost Train: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. \$15 cover. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Monday, Jan. 1

DCR First Day hike: 11 a.m., Nantasket Beach Reservation, Route 3A, Hull. Participants to meet at the MJM Bathhouse at 204 Nantasket Ave. Hot beverages and snacks will be served following the hike. The event is being co-sponsored by the Hull Health Commission. For information: www.mass.gov/dcr.

NSRWA New Year's walk: 1-2:30 p.m., Pratt Conservation Land and South River in Marshfield. Free, open to the public. Presented by North and South Rivers Watershed Association. Meet and park at the Marshfield public parking lot next to Levitate and the Skate Park off Route 139. No dogs, please. For information: 781-659-8168, www.nsrwa.org.

New Year's Day Woodland Walk: 1-3 p.m., Holly Hill Farm, 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. Choice of a family hike for those who would like a faster paced guided walk or a stroll with Steve Ivas, who will talk about nature's signs of winter in the woods. Hot cocoa in the Tomato Barn after your hike. Free event. For information: 781-383-6565, hollyhillfarm.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

NAMI caregivers support group: 6-7:30 p.m., Vinfen's office, 5 Fennell Drive, Weymouth. Presented by National Alliance on Mental Illness. A caregivers support group for those who have loved ones living with mental illness. Facilitators guide the group offering advice and support. Group meets the first and third Monday each month (except legal holidays - meet on Tuesday following holiday). For information: namisouthshore@gmail.com.

Scrabble Night: 6:30 p.m., Norwell Public Library, 64 South St., Norwell. For information: 781-659-2015, norwellpubliclibrary.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Weymouth Market: 3:30-5 p.m., Chapman Middle School, 1051 Commercial St., Weymouth. Fresh food is free to all Weymouth residents. Just register one time at <https://goo.gl/forms/MVVr-jwroBTKFa20E3>. Take a reusable grocery bag each time you attend. Held first Wednesday of the month. Sponsored by the Greater Boston Food Bank. For information: 781-335-7589, <https://goo.gl/forms/MVVr-jwroBTKFa20E3>.

Savoir Faire Jazz Trio: 6-9 p.m., PJ's Restaurant, 227 Chief Justice Highway, Scituate, each Wednesday. For information: 781-545-1340.

Dinner and a Movie: 6 p.m., Norwell Public Library, 64 South St., Norwell. "The Women's Balcony" (Israel's #1 film in 2016). Dinner served, salads and desserts are welcome. For information: 781-659-2015, norwellpubliclibrary.org.

Duxbury Camera Club meeting: 7 p.m., Duxbury Free Library, 77 Alden St., Duxbury. The speaker, Paul Nguyen, will discuss low light photography. He has more than 28 years of experience in film and digital photography and offers local and destination photography workshops through his business, BlueHour Photo Ventures, as well as private one-on-one instruction. For information: www.duxburycameraclub.org.

Thursday, Jan. 4

New art show: Jan. 4-28, Front Street Art Gallery, 124 Front St., Scituate. "Different Visions" by artists James Burke and Edward Mikenas is on view Jan. 4-28. Gallery hours for the winter are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday; or by appointment. The Gallery is closed Monday through Wednesday. For information: 781-545-6150, www.frontstartgallery.com.

Matinee Movie: 2 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. "Victoria & Abdul," rated PG-13. Light refreshments provided. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.

Open call play auditions: Jan. 4 and 7, Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Auditions for "La Cage aux Folles" at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 4 and at 1 p.m. Jan. 7. Arrive prepared to sing a song from the show in the show key, or a song in a similar musical theater style. Take a headshot or snapshot. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

Sonya Rae & Ryan Taylor join the Willie J. Laws Band: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. Followed by open mic with Willie J. Laws Jr. Jammers invited and welcome. Free pizza. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Friday, Jan. 5

Family Open House and Scout Night: 6-9 p.m., South Shore Model Railway Club, 52 Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham. Admission is \$2 for everyone age 5 and up. Featuring demonstrations and information on how to get started in the hobby. Light snacks and beverages available for purchase. For information: 781-740-2000, www.ssmrc.org.

Art reception: 6-8 p.m., South Street Gallery, 149 South St., Hingham. "Focal Point - the Still Life," a show of still-life paintings by 15 local artists, will be on display throughout January. For information: 781-749-0430, www.southstreetgallery.com.

New Bedford Symphony Orchestra concert: 7:30 p.m., Zeiterion Center, 684 Purchase St., New Bedford. "Kiss of the Earth" features the music of Rachmaninoff and Stravinsky. Guest artist pianist Inon Barnatan. Tickets are \$25-\$60, students under 22 always \$10. Pre-concert talk at 6:30 p.m. in Penler Space (adjoining the Z) by Barnatan and music director Yaniv Dinur. For information: 508-994-2900, www.zeiterion.org.

The New Band concert: 8 p.m., Company Theatre, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. Tickets \$25. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com. The New Band plays classic rock, rhythm and blues and pop. Members are Donnie Norton, vocals and auxiliary percussion; Sara Logan Seals, vocals and keys; Ryan MacLeod, bass; Mike Monteiga, drums; and Jeff Hall, guitar.

Milk & Bones: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Saturday, Jan. 6

Creative Kids Art Classes: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27, James Library & Center for the Arts, 24 West St., Norwell. Led by artists Lisa Flynn and Karen Baker. \$20 for single class or \$75 for all four in the series. Fee covers all art supplies. For information: 781-659-7100, www.jameslibrary.org.

Roomful of Blues: 8 p.m., Company Theatre Center for the Arts, 30 Accord Park Drive, Norwell. The award winning New England based band has been celebrating jump blues, R&B and early rock 'n' roll music for a record 45 years. Tickets \$26. For information: 781-871-2787, www.companytheatre.com.

South Shore Folk Music Club: 8 p.m., Beal House, 222 Main St., Kingston. Songwriter and folk singer Ian Fitzgerald will perform. Tickets \$20 per member, \$22 per non-member. For information: <http://brownpapertickets.com/event/2950203>, www.ssfmc.org.

Mercy: 8 p.m., Next Page Cafe, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. For information: 781-340-1300, thenextpagecafe.com.

Sunday, Jan. 7

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Little Christmas in Jackson Square Epiphany concert: 3 p.m. East Weymouth Congregational Church, 1320 Commercial St., Jackson Square, East Weymouth. Singer-songwriter Jim Melody, composer of "Christmas in Boston," will perform his signature tune. The concert features choirs, instrumentalists, and vocal soloists. There is no admission fee, but cash donations will be requested for the Weymouth Food Pantry. For information: www.eweyucc.org.

Monday, Jan. 8

Meditation at the Abbey: 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Morcone Center, 20 Hull St., Hingham. For information: aqwallace@comcast.net, www.glastonburyabbey.org. Complimentary optional at 7:45 p.m.

South Shore Lyme Support meeting: 6:30-8 p.m., Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. For information: 508-332-9743, jean-whart@gmail.com. Attendance is open to all. Meetings usually held second Monday of the month.
Adult Book Group: 7 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. "The Day the World Came to Town" by Jim DeFede. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.

SSHAGLY meeting: 7 p.m., First Parish Church, 842 Tremont St., Duxbury. South Shore Alliance of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Youth is a meeting and support group exclusively for youth ages 14-22. For information: sshagly@gmail.com, bagly.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Scott, Amundsen, and Shackleton - Race to the Pole: 7-8:30 p.m., John Curtis Free Library, 534 Hanover St., Hanover. Presented by local historian, Bob Begin. For information: 781-826-2972, www.hanovermass.com/library.

Harry Potter Trivia: 7 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. For ages 16 and older. Test your Potter-verse knowledge against a formidable team of librarians determined to stump you. Costumes welcome. Snacks served. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Preservation Techniques for Photos and Documents: 2 p.m., Norwell Public Library, 64 South St., Norwell. For information: 781-659-2015, norwellpubliclibrary.org.

Free event addressing eating disorders: 6-7 p.m., South Shore Medical Center, 143 Longwater Drive, Norwell. Project HEAL (Help to Eat, Accept & Live) is a non-profit organization that focuses on helping people recover from eating disorders. At this event, Boston-area members of the organization will share their stories of recovery and will offer support, advice, and resources for patients struggling with eating disorders. Family members and members of a patient's treatment team are also invited to attend. For information: SouthShoreHealth.org/ProjectHeal.

Savoir Faire Jazz Trio: 6-9 p.m., PJ's Restaurant, 227 Chief Justice Highway, Scituate, each Wednesday. For information: 781-545-1340.

Thursday, Jan. 11

Matinee Movie: 2 p.m., Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. "The Mountain Between Us," rated PG-13. Light refreshments provided. For information: 781-337-1402, www.weymouth.ma.us/library.

VML Virtual Tour Mini-Series: 6-7:30 p.m., Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. Part One: Victorian Boston and Back Bay, presented by Heide Hasselmann. For information: 781-834-5535, www.ventresslibrary.org.

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1 Visit our website homepage and open "Sections" in the top left corner of the site. Scroll down and select "Calendar." Bookmark that page for later.

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of the page.

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